AU Business - Exchange Program at Pforzheim University in Germany
Pforzheim, Germany

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** Indicates rolling admission application process. Applicants will be immediately notified of acceptance into this program and be able to complete post-decision materials prior to the term's application deadline.

* Indicates that deadline has passed

Fact Sheet:

College/School: College of Business
Program Type: Auburn University Exchange Program
Majors: ALL MAJORS
GPA: 2.25 (Undergraduates)

Department/School: Business
AU Faculty Director: Danny Butler, butledd@auburn.edu
Student Level: JR-Junior, SO-Sophomore, SR-Senior
Applicant Restrictions: Only AU students may apply

Program Description:

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at Pforzheim University in Germany

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The College of Business at Auburn University has established a relationship with Pforzheim University in Pforzheim, Germany, for a student exchange program.

Two of the most promising options for students with little or no German-speaking ability are German as a Second Language and English-taught graduate courses in Business Management.

This German as a Second Language Program is designed for undergraduate or graduate students. The course covers an intensive introduction period (two weeks before a semester starts) and an intensive course "German for beginners" offered during the semester. All participants will have to pass the final examination "Deutsch fuer den Beruf" of the Goethe institute;
Examinations are offered at Pforzheim.

The German and English-taught Business study abroad program is designed for students motivated to complete one semester in Business Management at Pforzheim University. All Students will get a transcript of records and a certificate "International Management" within the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), and will receive Auburn credit for all courses taken on this exchange program. Participants will have to fulfill all of the entrance requirements for admission, and will work with admissions processing handled by Pforzheim’s International Programs Office.

For more detailed information about the Pforzheim Exchange Program and Application forms, please visit the Program Homepage (link can be found at the top of this brochure page) as well as the Pforzheim Exchange Students web pages.

ELIGIBILITY

- Auburn University students with at least junior standing.
- Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.25
- Successful candidates will demonstrate academic success, maturity and a desire to experience another culture.

Auburn University students must also have the following items in order to complete additional Pforzheim application processes (please contact the faculty director for more specific information):

- Pforzheim application
- Language Certificate
- Pforzheim Learning Agreement
- Resume or CV
- Transcripts
- 2 passport-sized photographs

IMPORTANT DATES

Spring 2016

- 17 February 2016: Arrival for Intensive German classes
- 16-17 March 2016: Welcome and Orientation Period
- 18 March 2016: All other classes begin
- 6 July 2016: Final exams begin
- 17 July 2016: Final exams end

Fall 2016

- 6 September 2016: Arrival for Intensive German classes
- 29-30 September 2016: Welcome and Orientation Period
- 4 October 2016: All other classes begin
- TBA (Late January): Final exams begin
- TBA (Early February): Final exams end

COURSES

During the semester, students may take their regular coursework as is offered at Pforzheim. The list of courses found in the Study Programs section of Pforzheim’s website are taught in both German and English (course will specify).

German language courses are offered on all levels. Before the start of the semester there will be a German language placement test to determine your level. Intensive German courses begin approximately three weeks before the semester starts. This intensive German course is highly recommended as it is a
good way to learn or refresh your German skills, get settled in, and meet students prior to the start of regular term courses.

Students may take modules of pre-set courses, or choose from the variety of courses offered at Pforzheim. The document below is a list of how courses have come back to Auburn in the past, but is not completely encompassing of all of the courses available. Please speak with the Faculty Director or Auburn Abroad Staff about this program.

**PROGRAM COSTS**

Auburn students pay Auburn tuition and fees for a full time student equal to 12 hours (based on their residency status) for semester programs, 4 hours for summer programs. The student will be enrolled in the Auburn Exchange Course (UNIV 3000) while abroad. Students will not pay tuition to the host university but may pay other fees and are also responsible for their meals, books, housing, and airfare. Auburn students will also pay for the International Emergency Travel Self Insurance for the duration of their program abroad.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

Students are responsible for arranging of their accommodation for the duration of their stay in Pforzheim. Visit the Housing section of Pforzheim's Website for a list of different options and contacts. The application for a room in one of the student halls will not be accomplished through the International Programs Office, but has to be addressed directly to the administration of the accordant student hall. The International Programs Office will gladly assist students with the room search, but cannot offer the services of a housing office.

**LOCATION**

Pforzheim, Germany

The city of Pforzheim is located in the southwest part of Germany at the northern edge of the Black Forest and is part of the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg. It is very close to Stuttgart, Karlsruhe, Baden-Baden and Strasbourg (France).

Pforzheim (120,000 inhabitants) is an industrial city which enjoys worldwide recognition as the center of the European jewelry and watchmaking industry. Though jewelry and gold are still important at Pforzheim, the whole range of the metal industry, communication products and mail order warehouses are now included in the industrial landscape which is dominated by SME-companies like Hammer & Sööhne, Witzenmann, Ungerer, Doduco, Degussa, Klingel, Bader etc. Alcatel, DaimlerChrysler, Porsche, Bosch, IBM, Hewlett Packard and some more are well-known major companies in the area.

The surroundings of Pforzheim are also very attractive: The Black Forest, the famous monastery of Maulbronn (World Historic Monument), vineyards, medieval villages, hills, mountains, rivers and small lakes create a typical landscape. The art of cooking, inspired by France and Switzerland, is famous too. The cities of Pforzheim, Karlsruhe and Stuttgart, the capital of the state Baden-Wuerttemberg, offer a full range of cultural events (theaters, concerts, sports, exhibitions, fairs etc.). The airport closest to Pforzheim is Stuttgart International Airport (about 40 minutes), but also Frankfurt International Airport is within close proximity.

**EXCURSIONS**

Independent Excursions or students have the options in being part of the Buddy
Program offered by the Gemini Student Organization. The Buddy Program matches one German and one international student. The German student is there to help the exchange student with his/her first steps in Germany and Pforzheim (search for accommodation, pick-up from the station, buying a SIM card and so on...) and to support him/her with all kinds of problems and questions throughout the semester.

Naturally personal contact and shared free-time activities are a welcome side effect.

More activities organized by Gemini:
- Student parties
- Excursions
- Cake/waffle/mulled wine/etc. sales
- Tandem program (language exchange between one German and one exchange student to help one another to improve language skills)

PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS

If you do not have a PASSPORT: Please check [http://travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) for the nearest local passport office and forms. Auburn Abroad recommends that you apply for a passport as soon as possible. If you already have a passport: Please check the expiration date. Passports should be valid for at least 6 months following your scheduled time abroad.

VISA REGULATIONS:
- US Citizens with a valid passport traveling to Germany for short visits of 90 days or less do not need visas to enter Germany.
- US Citizens staying longer than 90 days will need to obtain a student visa (semester study will require a visa), which can be issued after arrival in Germany along with proper documentation.
- Students should visit [Germany.Info](http://travel.state.gov) for more information regarding application process and documentation required for German visa.
- Non-US Citizens must check on visa requirements for visits of any duration in Germany.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Contact the Faculty Director listed at the top of the page with any program specific questions.
- Visit the College of Business Program Homepage (link can be found at the top of this page).
- Visit the Pforzheim University [International Exchange Students Website](http://travel.state.gov)