SW596 IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS:
A COMPARISON OF THE UNITED STATES AND GERMANY

This course examines the distinctive and common features that Germany and the United States have taken to grapple with the issue of immigration. Both countries are destination countries in the global movement of people seeking both economic opportunity, and safety from political turmoil. Immigration presents challenges to both countries such as who is given entrance, integration of those who enter, the provision health, social, and educational services. Understanding other approaches to policy development and implementation offers a rich source of ideas for policy reform. Comparative policy identifies the elements of national policy and services that are bound to the history, values and economic development of a given country, while at the same time illuminating those that share features with other countries.

This course begins with 2-days of study at SDSU (July 27-28) where we will examine US and global responses to immigration and refugee policy. We will then depart for fieldwork in Munich (June 30-July 12). We will be hosted by Katholische Stiftungsfachhochschule München (Catholic University of Applied Sciences Munich, KSFH). Munich and Bavaria provide an attractive place for students to study. Munich is a city that is nearly 1000 years old which retains much of its medieval past. The city is also in the foothills of the Alps, which can be reached easily by car or train. In Munich, we will examine German immigration policy and program. The course of study includes classroom lectures, local agency, and cultural site visits in Germany. Our goal will be to compare and contrast policy and the provisions for immigrants and refugees in major social welfare and health care programs common to both the United States and Germany. Through lectures, guest speakers, field trips to agencies, and assignments, students will become familiar with the differences similarities of the US and German Systems.

Tentative Estimated Costs: Tuition, lodging, breakfast, and most transportation $2604 (approximate estimate). Students will be responsible for paying for airfare, most lunches & dinners, transportation outside the city of Munich, and entrance into some cultural sights. Airfare from San Diego is estimated at $1100-$1500, and from LAX $1000-1500. Assistance will be given with arranging air travel will be available.
Payment includes:

- 3 units tuition
- Elective credit for undergraduates and graduates
- Fulfills the CHHS international requirement for undergraduates within the College of health and Human Services
- 12 nights lodging at the centrally located A &0 Munchen-Hackerbruke – Internet included. See link below for viewing.
- Daily buffet breakfast at the Hotel
- Welcoming dinner hosted by KSFH students
- Tour of Munich lead by German students
- 14-day metro (subway, tram, & bus) pass up to zone 4. Covers almost all of the city
- Tours of social services and health settings providing services to immigrants and refugees
- Day trip to Benediktbeuern Abbey
- Didactic lectures on German social welfare and health care systems by faculty members from the Katholische Stiftungsfachhochschule München (Catholic University of Applied Sciences Munich).
- Guided tour of Dachau Concentration Camp
- Possible weekend trip to Budapest, Hungary (Will add $100-$200 to cost)
- Assistance with arranging tours during the free time. Suggestions include; Salzburg, Passau, Prague; the Alps, Neuschwanstein Castle.

*Please be aware that travel is done mainly by public transportation, and there is a considerable amount of walking.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Associate Students Study Abroad Scholarship. Financial Aid is also available. For additional information, visit: http://www.chhs.sdsu.edu/international/finances/travelscholarships

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The hotel can be viewed at

http://ao-munchen-hackerbrucke.munichgermanyhotel.net/en/