Culture and Identity: Germany and Modern Europe
Study Tour to Bavaria & Alps (Munich, Nuremberg, Wurzburg)
POL-291 / PSY-291 (3 credits)

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Spring 2025 Semester / Travel Dates: May 12<sup>th</sup> – May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025



Students, faculty, and staff of WLC have an amazing opportunity to participate in a 10 day international study tour over Spring Break to the German region of Bavaria. The theme for the course explores the meaning and relationship between culture and identity. Sites we will visit include:

<u>Munich</u>: Marienplatz (Medieval central square), Frauenkirche Gothic cathedral, St. Peter's Cathedral, famed Glockenspiel, English Gardens (largest open-air park in Europe), city palace of the Wittelsbach dynasty that ruled Bavaria for centuries, Neuschwanstein Castle (the Model for Disney's Famous Castle built by King Ludwig II of Bavaria), Hohenschwangau Castle, Olympic Stadium and Park, Dachau Concentration Camp, Bavarian Alps, Pinakothek Art Galleries (include works by Albrecht Duerer), and several World War II historical sites and memorials.

<u>Nuremberg:</u> Courtroom where the WWII war crimes tribunals were held, Nuremberg castle, additional World War II historical sites and memorials.

Wurzburg: University of Wurzburg and its Adolph Wuerth Center for the History of Psychology

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

- -Who may participate? WLC students, faculty, & staff
- -Are there any academic prerequisites? None (including no prior language courses or aptitude)
- -How will the course be taught? The course will be offered during the Spring 2025 semester in a hybrid online/F2F format. Pre-travel course work (readings, videos, discussion thread posts, and travel site research presentations) will be completed mostly online in an asynchronous format with a couple F2F meetings to prepare for travel abroad; onsite travel work will be F2F May 12-21, 2025.
- -What is the cost per participant? \$2,950. What does the cost include? 3 credits, airfare, train fare, lodging, daily breakfast buffet at the hotels, entrance fees to all sites, local transportation, health/emergency and limited travel cancellation insurance policies, one carry-on bag and one backpack for the flights. What does the cost not include? Course texts, passport origination or renewal fees (if applicable), one additional checked piece of luggage (50lbs max), lunches, dinners, an optional health/emergency and travel insurance upgrade option, required vaccinations (if applicable MMR), and personal spending money.

When is payment due? \$150 refundable deposit is due by October 31st to hold your seat in the course and to show your commitment. \$1,000 is due by December 13th (airfare). The remaining \$1,800 is due by January 31st, 2025). All payments are made directly to the WLC Business Office. Remaining deposit amounts are not refundable by WLC. Refunds may be applicable under the basic or premium travel insurance cancellation plan stipulations (participant must file a claim to the insurance company pursuant to the stipulations of said policy).

- -Is financial aid an option? A student's financial aid package may apply toward some portion of the cost of the course. Please contact the WLC Financial Aid Office to inquire into this possibility and your specific situation.
- -Who should I contact for information? Dr. Badura (jason.badura@wlc.edu) or Dr. Close (wendy.close@wlc.edu).