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Dear Students,

Welcome to the Travel Study Program to Berlin, Prague and Vienna! You are in for a great experience, seeing and learning about the rich history and dynamic culture of Germany and Austria by spending quality time in two of the world’s great cities. We have prepared an exciting program for you and look forward to meeting and traveling with you. What follows is some information and suggestions that we hope will help you enjoy the program and your experience in Europe to the fullest. There is a lot of information to read through. For now, it is most important to take note of three things:

1. The orientation meeting at UCLA on May 20 at 4:00 p.m. (see below).

2. Do not put off booking your flights. If you have not already done so, you should book your flights within the next week.

3. If you do not have a valid passport, apply for one immediately! You may need to pay the additional fee for expedited processing. If you do not carry a USA or EU passport, please check whether you will need a visa to enter the EU countries.

1. This is an Academic Course
First and foremost, we want to stress that this program is an academic course for credit — not simply a guided vacation tour. We consider this a unique learning opportunity, and expect you to take advantage of it by participating actively in all class work and program activities. In addition, although the atmosphere will be more relaxed than in traditional on-campus courses, and we want us all to have fun, we also ask you to conduct yourselves in a mature and responsible manner at all times. We will be staying in hotels and visiting historic sites, museums, and churches. A number of people have volunteered their time to meet with us and help make our program a success. In all these situations, please behave with courtesy. Thank you for your cooperation on this.

Course syllabi and other materials will be posted on Phil Roeder’s web-site: dss.ucsd.edu/~proeder. Click on the UCLA Summer Summer Program.
2. Orientation Meeting in Los Angeles
We will be holding an orientation meeting on **Friday, May 20, at 4 p.m. in Murphy Hall Room 2325** on the UCLA campus. Although this meeting is not required, it is strongly recommended that all students attend. We will get a chance to meet each other and all of your most pressing questions will be answered. **If you cannot make it to this meeting, please do get in touch with Phil Roeder (proeder@ucsd.edu, or 858-534-6000) as soon as possible.**

3. Arriving in Berlin
It is the responsibility of program participants to arrange their own transportation to and from Europe. Make sure that whatever arrangements you make to travel to Europe allow you to be in Berlin at the Europaische Akademie Berlin (EAB) in Berlin-Grunewald by 6:00 p.m. Sunday, July 3, when the program officially begins.

The best options for getting to the housing from the airport are bus or taxi (see below for more information). If you fly to Berlin from the U.S, you will arrive at Tegel Airport. After your flight arrives, follow the signs to the baggage claim area. After collecting your baggage, follow the signs and the crowd through **customs.** If you are an American citizen and have a U.S. passport, you will need to go through the line for **Non-E.U.** members, probably the one for those with “nothing to declare.” You should be able to pass through customs with a minimum of delay and hassles. **Note:** if your passport is for a country other than the U.S. or EU members, find out in advance whether you need a visa!

After passing through customs, you can walk freely into other areas of the airport. There you will find exchange booths and ATMs, where you can change your American dollars for “Euros” (EUR or €), the multinational currency of the European Union. We recommend using ATMs for getting cash. They are convenient and generally provide you with a better rate than credit cards (which will charge interest) or bank exchanges (which charge a fee). This also eliminates the need to exchange money before you leave the U.S. Yet another advantage of using an ATM is that you can conveniently withdraw enough cash for just a few days at a time, and therefore not risk losing too much money or being stuck with extra Euros at the end of the program.

4. Ground Transportation
Taxis can be met outside of gate 9 at Tegel Airport. The cost will be approximately 16 EUR (€16,-).

Bus 109 leaves in front of the main hall at Tegel. The bus meets the Kurfuerstendamm (sort of the main street of West Berlin) at Adenauer Platz. Get off at Adenauer Platz and transfer to bus 119 (direction Grunewald/Hagenplatz). Get out at Taubertstrasse (one stop before Hagenplatz). Cross the street to Bismarckallee. The EAB is on the right side, Bismarckalle 46/48, a 2-minute walk from the bus stop. Note that street addresses don’t follow the same pattern as in the U.S.

The bus fare, including your transfer, is 2 EUR (€2,-). It is very likely that you will use busses, subways (U-Bahn), and city railway (S-Bahn) quite a bit during our stay in Berlin. Therefore, consider purchasing a weekly transit ticket (about €23,40) right away – if you take 12 public transit trips in the week it will pay off (plus save you the trouble of buying an individual ticket each time).
If you arrive in Europe earlier, you might be coming to Berlin by train. The nearest train station to the EAB is Berlin Zoo. From there take S-Bahn line 7 to Grunewald and transfer to bus 119 to Taubertstrasse.

5. Program Transportation
Our chief means of transportation within Europe during the program will be by air-conditioned tour bus. The bus is as comfortable as they come, but if you are susceptible to car-sickness, you should bring your usual remedy since we have a few long bus rides. Smoking and drinking alcohol are not permitted on the bus. Eating and drinking non-alcoholic beverages are permitted, but you are expected to keep the bus clean and to remove and dispose of all garbage properly. Please help us keep the buses clean.

6. Accommodations
Students will be assigned to a double room with a roommate of the same sex. It often takes a few days for students to settle in with compatible roommates, and we will be flexible in allowing changes during the course of the program.

In Berlin we will be staying in a villa converted into a student residence; in Prague and Vienna in comfortable hotels. We will be staying in the following places (note: telephone numbers include the international code [011] and the country code for Germany [49], Czech Republic [420], and Austria [43], as if dialing from the U.S.):

Europäische Akademie Berlin (EAB)
Bismarckallee 46/48
14193 Berlin, Germany
Tel: 011-49-30-89-59-51-0
Fax: 011-49-30-89-59-51-95
http://www.eab-berlin.de

Hotel Paris
U Obecního domu 1
110 00 Praha 1, Czech Republic
Tel: 011-420-222 195 195
Fax: 011-420-224 225 475
http://www.hotel-pariz.cz

Hotel Vienna4
Schäffergasse 2
A-1040 Wien, Austria
Tel: 011-43-1-512-74-93
Fax: 011-43-1-512-19-68
http://www.allyouneedhotels.at/englisch/index.php3

Please note: The program fees cover only the basic room charge. You are responsible for all additional charges such as telephone bills. Please settle your bill well before departure time.
7. Communication
It is easy to call home from any telephone in Europe using either an American long-distance calling card or a calling card purchased in the local country. You might want to check the rates with your American company before you leave to see if they are reasonable. The major American companies have access numbers for each foreign country, which you can use to connect to the American service from any phone while traveling. It is worth jotting down the access codes for the three countries we will visit before we leave, if you plan on using an American calling card. You might need a local phone card to dial this connection. These cards are sold in various denominations at kiosks and shops everywhere. You can also call the States by using one of the local calling cards.

To use a cell phone in Europe, you must have a cell phone and a carrier that can operate overseas. Definitely check with your company before leaving if you plan on using a mobile phone (or “Handy” as they are called in Germany).

E-mailing is also easy in the large cities. There are “Internet Cafes” where you can access your e-mail, provided your e-mail is linked up with the worldwide web. UCLA e-mail addresses can be accessed through UCLA’s website. “Hotmail” and “Yahoo” e-mail accounts are free and are also easily accessed at Internet Cafes. Internet Cafes usually charge on the basis of time (you can use one of their computers for an hour for about $4 to $8).

Postal service between the U.S. and Europe is efficient (5-7 days). Find out the price for stamps for postcards and letters at local post offices. Stamps can be purchased and correspondence mailed at post offices. Mail with sufficient postage can be dropped in mailboxes.

8. Meals
Breakfast and lunch will be provided in Berlin, breakfast only in Prague and Vienna. The meals vary in quality. Some are quite nice with plenty of American-style options. Others are strictly Continental (toast and coffee). In general, be open and try new foods.

Students will be free to explore and to choose their own dinner options. The instructors will recommend some eateries and happily accompany students, but it is up to the students to arrange for their own dinners. There are many German, Czech, Austrian and ethnic restaurants in the cities where we are staying. Restaurant waiters almost always speak English (and often several other languages as well) and some menus (especially in tourist spots) have English translations. There are also plenty of reasonably priced Turkish and German fast-food stands, and all sorts of other options to explore. In Berlin, non-vegetarians will discover the ubiquitous “Döner” – cheap, filling, and tasty. You can check a travel guide or just ask around. A convenience you will enjoy is that when it is time to pay the bill, your server will usually total each person separately at the table.

Drinks of all kinds can be had in Europe. Tap water is pretty safe, but bottled mineral water is abundant, cheap, and good. In restaurants, you usually need to specify tap water if you do not want to pay for bottled water. Keep some water on hand at all times, especially when we’re on the road and on site. Dehydration is a common problem when traveling and walking a lot. Soft
drinks are readily available but expensive and will dehydrate you. European coffee is very strong (perhaps you remember a scene in the movie Bagdad Café) and served without refills. With regard to alcoholic beverages (see also below), beer and wine comes in hundreds of varieties.

9. Alcohol
It is not against the law in Germany, the Czech Republic, and Austria to serve alcohol to anyone under 21 years of age. If you decide to consume alcohol, blend in and drink responsibly like the Europeans do. Pace yourself. “To party” does not include getting senselessly drunk in Europe!

Please note: The instructors reserve the right to expel from the program any student who disrupts it on account of intoxication.

10. Money and Expenses
You should budget for yourself at least $1,500 in spending money for food, drinks, souvenirs, gifts, and any other items you may wish to purchase while in Europe. The ideal way to access cash is—as noted above—an ATM card with a Visa or Master Card logo. Make sure you have enough funds in your bank account back home to cover withdrawals along the way, and definitely test out your PIN and check with your bank that your card will work before leaving. ATM machines can be found everywhere in Europe. Most banks charge fees per ATM withdrawal, so ask your bank about their fees before you go. Ask your bank whether there are banks in Europe where you can use your ATM card without additional fees. Charging what you purchase to your credit card (also possible throughout Europe, but not as common as in the U.S., especially for small amounts) gives you very good exchange rates. Germany and Austria both participate in the Euro, so you will only have to change money into Euros for Berlin and Vienna. The Czech Republic still uses its own currency, so you will need to buy some Korunas during our few days in Prague.

11. Shopping and News
You should have no problem obtaining electronics, pharmaceuticals (without a prescription), toiletries, clothing, books, etc. Note, however, that items such as film and batteries are cheaper in the U.S.; stock up on them before you head off to Europe. Make sure you take along a supply of prescription medicine to cover the whole trip. Otherwise you will have to see a doctor to get a new prescription or have your American prescription transferred into a German/Austrian one.

A very convenient shopping alternative in Europe is the ubiquitous kiosk, a little shack, which sells almost everything from phone cards, newspapers and magazines to food and drinks, cigarettes and bus tickets. In case you don’t want to forget about the rest of the world completely, pick up a copy of the International Herald Tribune, an excellent newspaper published by the New York Times and Washington Post. You can find it at most kiosks, but it is not cheap. Europeans are much more aware of and interested in international politics than most Americans. If you meet people while traveling (as you should), be prepared to discuss current events and American foreign policy.

12. Tipping
You need not tip waiters in European restaurants. A service charge is included in the price or, in some cases, added to the bill. However, if you liked your service, you may round up the bill or
throw in a Euro or two. For example, if the total is €8.70, you might tell your server to keep 9 or 10 Euros. Take the same approach for taxi drivers.

13. Safety
Germany, the Czech Republic, and Austria are safe places to travel. Yes, there is petty crime (pickpockets and the like), but violent crime is not nearly as common as it is in the U.S. Nevertheless, you should always exercise caution and sound judgment. Try not to explore isolated areas (including the outlying areas of East Berlin) or go out at night alone. **Do not hitchhike.** Also, be aware that bars sometimes employ “bar girls” who sit down and talk with young men, who gallantly offer to buy the women a drink, which ends up costing the young men some outrageous amount of money. This is an old scam and you should be too smart to be ripped off like this.

**Please note:** All students should keep their valuables (money, credit cards, passports, cameras, etc.) in safe places. Don’t leave book bags, wallets, or cameras unattended. Wear a secure money belt and never carry valuables in your back pocket, in your fanny pack, or in an outside pocket of your backpack. Bring a photocopy of your passport in case the original is lost and store the photocopy separately from the passport. Write down your credit card numbers and the phone numbers to report them if lost or stolen.

14. Illness
If you should become ill, please bring it to the attention of the program director. A doctor will be called if necessary. Medical services in Europe must be paid for at the time they are rendered. You will be given a receipt to submit to your insurance company.

It is a good idea to pack over-the-counter medications, such as aspirin, motion-sickness tablets, cold capsules, allergy pills, diarrhea medication, and stuff for any other minor ailments you might commonly suffer from. Most of these can be obtained locally, but they have different names and in some cases you might not feel like going into an extended explanation at the pharmacy counter. Again, remember to bring any necessary prescription medication.

Make sure to drink plenty of fluids during the trip. It’s easy to get dehydrated while walking around.

15. Luggage and Packing
What kind of luggage you should bring depends on whether you are traveling before or after the program, or just traveling with the study program. If you plan to travel only on the program, you can bring traditional suitcases or duffle bags, though we recommend a suitcase with a good wheel system and handle. If you plan to do extensive traveling in addition to the program, especially if you plan to go to less touristy places, then you might want to bring a backpack (ideally one with an internal frame and straps that can be zipped inside) instead, as it is easier to transport over long distances and less vulnerable-looking than a suitcase.

Do not overpack. Do not take more than you can comfortably carry by yourself. You will have to carry your own bags in and out of accommodations (and often up and down stairs as well). Again **DO NOT BRING MORE THAN YOU NEED.**
16. Clothing
In packing, bring clothing you can wash by hand and dry quickly. The weather in central Europe cannot be predicted. Two years ago there was a record-breaking heat wave during the summer. The normal weather may be sunny and pleasant one day, rainy and cool the next. It can get quite chilly at night, so bring a sweater and a waterproof or water resistant jacket (not heavy) as well as some light clothes for hot days. We may have access to washing machines and laundry facilities, but they are awkward, take a long time, and are expensive. Plan to do some hand washing.

Most European men do not wear shorts in cities. You may do so, but a man wearing shorts is wearing a sign saying, “I am a tourist.” If you aim to mix with the locals, light pants will be better, but bring some shorts for a weekend hike or other outings. You will probably want to pack one change of dressier clothes for a few outings, such as our planned trips to the opera in Berlin and Vienna.

Shoes: Shoes are your most important piece of equipment. We will be doing substantial walking on this trip. Make sure to bring comfortable walking shoes. You do not need to bring heavy hiking boots, but do be sure that you have good, sturdy walking shoes which are broken in but not broken down. When buying shoes, consider getting them a half to full size bigger than your normal shoe size: feet swell in long walks and sitting on the bus. Making sure your toes have “room to grow” will help you avoid painful blisters. Some other shoe considerations:
- Europeans still tend not to wear athletic shoes for walking about; if you want to blend in bring some “real shoes.” (Some of us, however, have resigned ourselves to the fact that we don’t really “blend in” and so wear comfortable athletic shoes everywhere in Europe.)
- A pair of running shoes or cross-trainers is useful not only if you plan on getting some work-outs in, but also to slip on after a long day of walking.
- In Vienna we will take a tour that includes some underground waterways. Past students advise bringing an old pair of shoes for this day, which you might not want to bring back home.

17. Guidebooks
It may be very useful to read some travel guides about the places we are going to visit. We will provide you with plenty of information and will have some tips for each city we visit, but there is a great deal more you can do on your own or with friends. *Rough Guides* and *Lonely Planet* books are very reliable and also very useful for your personal travel after our program.

18. Miscellaneous Things to Pack
Besides the usual things that you would pack for any trip, you might want to consider the following items as well: a wash cloth and hand towel, toiletries (you can buy them in Europe, but maybe not your brand), double zip-lock bag of laundry detergent or some Woolite for hand washing clothes, necessary medicines/vitamins, sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat, hair dryer with converter and plugs for European current (220 volts), plastic bags for shoes, laundry, etc., and some moist towelettes for washing up on the go. A Swiss army knife can be useful if you prefer to buy bread, cheese, sausages, fruit, etc. instead of eating in a restaurant every night. **Be sure to pack any such sharp items in your checked luggage, not in your carry-on.**
19. Language
One of the fun parts of a trip like this is the opportunity to practice a language you have studied but may not have had the chance to use in real-life situations. Many of you have studied German. Be prepared to practice and to help each other out. People will appreciate the effort you make to speak to them in their own language. Although English is widely spoken in the countries we will visit, we urge you to seize this opportunity to use your German and pick up some local nuances in usage.

20. Some Final Reminders
DO NOT FORGET your passport, photocopies of your passport, wallet, credit/ATM cards, airline tickets, course materials and books.

Make sure that you have your credit/ATM card number and the phone number of the issuer written down in a safe place so that you can replace lost or stolen cards.

We look forward to seeing you and to exploring Berlin, Prague and Vienna together with you this summer.
Berlin, Prague, Vienna
UCLA Summer Travel Study Program - 2005
Political Science and Germanic Languages and Cultures
Director: Professor Philip Roeder, PS139 and PS169
Teaching Assistants: Jonathan Jones (German 100C); Brenna Reinhart (German 2, 3, 4)

Class and Excursion Schedule
(Times subject to change)

Berlin, July 3-17
Europäische Akademie Berlin (EAB)
Bismarckallee 46/48
14193 Berlin, Germany
Tel: 011- 49-30-89-59-51-0
Fax: 011-49-30-89-59-51-95
http://www.eab-berlin.de
All classes in Berlin meet at the Europäische Akademie:
Breakfast is served 7:30 – 8:30
Lunch is served 1:00 - 2:00

Sunday, July 3
18:00 Welcome and orientation at EAB

Monday, July 4
8:00 – 10:00: German 2, 3, 4
10:15-12:30: PS139 and PS169
14:00-18:00: German 100C (Film: Goodbye Lenin)

Tuesday, July 5
8:00 – 10:00: German 2, 3, 4
10:15-12:30: PS169
16:00: Tour of Reichstag; followed by walking to the Holocaust Memorial and Potsdamer Platz.

Wednesday, July 6
8:00 – 10:00: German 2, 3, 4
10:15-12:30: PS169
14:00-18:00: German 100C (TBA: walking tour to Eastside Gallery, Karl-Marx-Strasse and Strausberger Platz)

Thursday, July 7
8:00 – 10:00: German 2, 3, 4
10:15-12:30: PS139
15:00: Tour of Sachsenhausen

Friday, July 8
8:00 – 10:00: German 2, 3, 4
10:15-12:30: PS169

**Saturday, July 9**
TBA: Day trip to Potsdam

**Sunday, July 10**
Free Day

**Monday, July 11**
8:00 – 10:00: German 2, 3, 4
10:15-12:30: PS139
14:00-16:00: German 100C

**Tuesday, July 12**
8:00 – 10:00: German 2, 3, 4
10:15-12:30: PS169
15:30: Tour of Jewish Museum

**Wednesday, July 13**
8:00 – 10:00: German 2, 3, 4
10:15-12:30: PS139
14:00-18:00: German 100C (Film: Wings of Desire)

**Thursday, July 14**
8:00 – 10:00: German 2, 3, 4
10:15-12:30: PS169

**Friday, July 15**
8:00 – 10:00: German 2, 3, 4
10:15-12:30: PS139

**Saturday, July 16**
Free Day

**Sunday, July 17**
14:00 Depart for Prague

**Prague, July 17-20**
Hotel Paris
U Obecního domu 1
110 00 Praha 1
Czech Republic
Tel: 011-420-222 195 195
Fax: 011-420-224 225 475
http://www.hotel-pariz.cz
Breakfast provided at the hotel; other meals on your own.
No class sessions during our two days in Prague.

**Monday, July 18**
Free Day

**Tuesday, July 19**
TBA: Tour of Prague Castle

**Wednesday, July 20**
14:00 Depart for Vienna

**Vienna, July 20-30**
Hotel Vienna4
Schäffergasse 2
A-1040 Wien
Tel: 011-43-1-512-74-93
Fax: 011-43-1-512-19-68
http://www.alloyouneedhotels.at/englisch/index.php3
Breakfast provided at the hotel; other meals on your own. Classes held at Technical University nearby.

**Thursday, July 21**
8:00 – 10:00: German 2, 3, 4
10:15-12:30: PS169
14:00-16:00: German 100C

**Friday, July 22**
8:00 – 10:00: German 2, 3, 4
10:15-12:30: PS139
14:00-16:00: German 100C

**Saturday, July 23**
TBA: Walking tour of Wiener Werkstätte

**Sunday, July 24**
Free day

**Monday, July 25**
8:00 – 10:00: German 2, 3, 4
10:15-12:30: PS169
14:00-18:00: German 100C (Film: TBA)

**Tuesday, July 26**
8:00 – 10:00: German 2, 3, 4
10:15-12:30: PS139
TBA: Tour of Hofburg
**Wednesday, July 27**
8:00 – 10:00: German 2, 3, 4
10:15-12:30: PS169
14:00-18:00: German 100C (Film: Third Man)

**Thursday, July 28**
8:00 – 10:00: German 2, 3, 4
10:15-12:30: PS139
Afternoon: Third Man Walking Tour

**Friday, July 29**
8:00 – 10:00: German 2, 3, 4
10:15-12:30: PS139 and PS169 Final Examinations
14:00-16:00: German 100C

**Saturday, July 30**
Program ends, students depart on their own