

Student Testimonial Summer 2026, Joseph Theriot
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Why did you decide to come to Augsburg for the Summer Program?

I've always loved travelling, and studying EU and international economic law in Germany just sounded like the perfect way to combine that personal love with my career interests.

Why do you think it is worth participating in the Augsburg Summer Program?

You get a ton of real, substantive law packed into one month, taught by people who actually know the field inside out. It changes how you think and you start seeing legal problems from both the civil-law and common-law angles.

What did you enjoy and like the most about your classes? What did you maybe not like as much or what are your suggestions to do differently?

My favorite part was digging into the inner workings of European jurisprudence with Professor Möllers and the historical background in Professor Rensmann's investment law class. Both actually made you think instead of just memorize.

What did you like about the city of Augsburg, how and where did you spend your free time?

Augsburg is a really easy city to like—historic and walkable but not touristy, and small enough that it feels familiar fast. I mostly wandered the old town, hung out in cafés with my reading, and practiced my German ordering food.

Where did you travel to? Which destination did you enjoy the most/what can you recommend?

We got to see Neuschwanstein castle, historic Munich, the beautiful Chiemsee, as well as a small guilty pleasure trip to Legoland Deutschland. All of these were incredible. I really can't put it into words. Funnily enough I think my favorite location was just simply Augsburg itself. Day trips can't compare to fully living in a new community, forming habits and being recognized by locals by the end of it.

How did you find the costs of participating in the Summer Program in terms of participation fees, accommodation, catering and travel expenses?

Honestly it felt reasonable for what you get, and Augsburg is way cheaper than somewhere like Paris or Munich for food and a place to stay. Weekend trips are totally doable on a student budget if you get the Deutschland ticket (all public transit access, ~60 dollars USD per month).

What was the relationship like with the other participants?

The group was neither too large nor too small, so you never felt too alone or too lost in the

crowd. Grinding through the coursework and travelling around Southern Germany made it click fast. A lot of good stuff happened.

Any tips for future participants?

Come into it with an open mind and a big heart, and you will not regret it.

Do you have any conclusionary words about your time in Augsburg?

It was a great summer—serious law, a new way of thinking about it, and a city I'd happily go back to. Would recommend it to anyone.