

Augsburg Summer Program 2012

Experience Report

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My experience at the Center for European Legal Studies in Augsburg, Germany was extremely positive. I took a total of six credit hours: European & WTO Law, German & European Company Law (+ Practical Studies), and participated in the Joint Seminar on Capital Market and Legal Methodology.

The program in Augsburg is extremely well-organized. Both classes that I took were with Professor Möllers, who has developed a very good curriculum for his two classes. We were provided with a course reader which had every possible case, treaty or document that we would need, and also with a printed and bound copy of all the power point presentations that Professor Möllers used throughout the course. These two documents were extremely helpful in keeping up with the course.

Additionally, the questions that Professor Möllers provided at the beginning of every “unit” were very helpful in focusing my studies, picking out major topics, and reviewing for the exams.

The support staff with whom I interacted, Andreas Harrer and Sabine Seidenschwann, were also extremely helpful. Andreas responded to every question that I had—whether it was about classes, transportation around Augsburg, or finding somewhere to live.

Finally, the Joint Seminar at Frauenchiemsee was a great experience and definitely the highlight of the summer! It was nice to interact with professors in a more casual environment, and very nice to combine school work and learning with good food and beautiful scenery.

Overall, the program was an excellent combination of courses that were rigorous but also easy to follow. I did not feel that the classes were typical “joke” summer study abroad program courses, but actually learned a great deal that I know I will use throughout my legal career. The program was small enough to feel close-knit (like welcome dinners with all students and professors), but also big enough to feel like there was a wide range of backgrounds and perspectives accounted for.