

US-GERMAN

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

In cooperation with universities in the Southeastern region of the USA

US Interns visit Berlin and meet with Government Officials

Halfway through the internship program, 21 students from US partner universities gathered in Berlin for the annual US-German Internship Program Get-Together. During the two-day program, students met with state and national representatives from the American and German governments to discuss economic and trade issues that affect the transatlantic relationship. They exchanged ideas and experiences, and explored Germany's bustling capital, known as both a historical as well as vibrant urban city.

On Thursday, June 23, Sieglinde von Wasielewski from the Office of the North Rhine-Westphalia Representative to the Federal Government welcomed the students and gave an overview on NRW, its history and the state's ties to America. The day ended with a boat cruise on the Spree, presenting the interns with a different perspective of Berlin's numerous sights.

The program continued on Friday, June 24, by visiting the US Embassy. Brooke Williams (Economic & Trade Policy Officer) and Mathias Köckeritz (Senior Commercial Specialist) welcomed the students to talk about current political and economic matters, giving a brief overview of the workings of different institutional settings worldwide in the context of intercultural exchange and socio-economic relations. During the Q&A, the diplomats shared interesting insights of their work with the group.

The group subsequently enjoyed a guided tour of the Reichstag building, including the roof terrace where they were informed about the functions and composition of the Parliament, as well as facts about the history and architecture of the Reichstag before ending the tour with a farewell dinner to round off the official program of the get-together.

Ultimately, the interns left Germany's capital with an awareness of contemporary social and cultural diversity as well as historical facets and a better understanding of German-American relations.

US-German Internship Program

Established in 2010, the US-German Internship Program's purpose is to provide educational internships to US-based university students abroad. The program is organized by AmCham Germany, Rückel & Collegen and BridgehouseLaw LLP.

The US-German Internship Program is a not for profit organization registered with the State of Georgia as a charitable organization under the name AmCham-BridgehouseLaw Internship Program, Inc. Peachtree 25th Building, 1720 Peachtree Street N.W., Suite 520, Atlanta, GA, 30309, USA.

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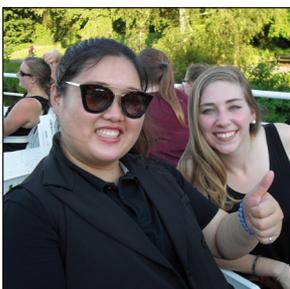
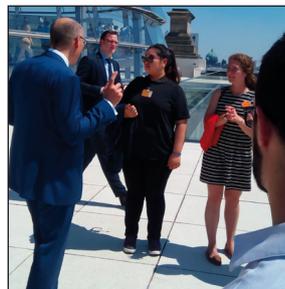
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Impressions from Berlin



"I was shocked to see that the material I learned in my econometrics class applied to a real job, that I would actually use the presentation skills from my Business German class when presenting my research to the department, and that I have become more used to the German keyboard than the American one. This internship program has helped me learn more about Germany, my career goals, and being independent. It has opened my eyes to the endless possibilities that we all have as soon-to-be college graduates. I'll always remember my time in Germany as a fun, eye-opening, learning experience."



Munich Meet-Up

July 29-30, 2016: Organized by Dr. Christoph Rückel of Rückel & Collegen and Bridgehouse Law, the interns had a chance to enjoy a voluntary summer meet-up in Munich. On Friday evening, the US Consul General Ms. Jennifer Gavito joined the group for two cultural highlights: a classical concert at Schloss Nymphenburg and dinner at one of the city's traditional beergardens. On Saturday the group took a guided tour of the Munich Documentation Centre for the History of National Socialism followed by a visit to the Museum Brandhorst.



The 2016 interns would like to extend a special thank you to US Consul General Jennifer Gavito for this unique experience.

2016 Program: Important Dates

May 12, 2016 • Interns arrival & beginning of the internship

June 23-24, 2016 • Get-Together in Berlin

July 29-30, 2016 • Munich Meet-Up

August 5, 2016 • End of the internship, interns departure

US-German Internship Program 2017

If you are interested in participating in the program by hosting an intern or becoming a sponsor, please contact:

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The matchmaking process will start in late fall 2016.



"I learned professional communication skills and received a better understanding of the German business culture that I will cherish forever because I intend on coming back to Germany for work in the future"

"Apart from the work that I did, I also learned professional networking skills, how the German Business culture works, and working in a corporate Environment. I have made many friends here and have really tried to integrate myself in the German culture and work culture."

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Berlin Boat Tour

June 23, 2015: Enjoying the summer weather, this year's group of interns took a boat tour along the Spree as part of the program's Get-Together. During the cruise the students

saw many of Berlin's historic sites while enjoying dinner and dessert.

The group would like to thank UPS (Company Patron) for their generous sponsorship of the boat tour and dinner.

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