

Summer European Academy 2016

Things to bring:

- **Your prescription medicines** (in bottles/containers with prescription attached)
- **Your passport** (a photocopy of which you leave at home and another you take in your luggage in case you lose the original)
- **A student ID** (you may need it for student admission prices for excursions on your own)
- **One sweater** [suggested] -- light weight is typically all that is required.
- **A light jacket or wind breaker** of sorts
- **An umbrella** (can be cheaply purchased in Europe)
- **2 or three business casual outfits** to wear to official appointments
- Your academic journal notebooks (the lab notebook purchased for you)
- **Over the counter medicines** and first aid things you may need including things such as band aids (if you get a blister on foot from walking), stomach ache relief, aspirins (too expensive in Europe), cough drops and cold remedies and relief medicine (cannot get over the counter in Europe), etc.
- **Electrical converter for Germany** (to convert current from 220 to 110) I strongly recommend a converter, not merely an adaptor. But, this your call. If your electrical instrument already charges with a converter (notebooks, Apple iPhones, Androids, etc.), well, then you may not need the converter. But, I opt for being safe rather than sorry if the electrical item is crucial.
- **A pair of causal walking shoes**
- Your CISI insurance card issues to you via Study Abroad DON'T FORGET TO TAKE A MOMENT AND GO ON LINE AND REGISTER – THIS IS NOT NECESSARY FOR YOUR INSURANCE TO ACTIVATE, BUT POSSIBLY HELPFUL LATER.
- A SMART PHONE (strongly recommended)
- A tablet, laptop or notebook (for internet connections) – recommended, not required. Make sure you check with your cell phone provider to set up an international plan, if you wish to use your cell/smart phone in Europe. If you are using your laptop or notebook/smartphone as internet device, please make sure you download the Anyconnect (the VPN client you must have loaded in order to access the TAMU Library electronic reserves, and you must have if you wish to access any of your entertainment links that are restricted unless you are in a USA domain), and EDUROAM (<http://hdc.tamu.edu/Connecting/Wireless/eduroam.php>). You will need EDUROAM at Passau when you are on campus as you cannot have access to their university system. However, we already have a TAMU EDUROAM account and it is paired with Passau, so you need not download anything – in Passau you can simply find EDUROAM Wi-Fi link on your connect setting, and use your TAMU ID and PASSWORD and that will allow you access.

Preliminary Tips:

- Set up your EDUROAM account for your email use at Uni Passau.
- Set up your ANYCONNECT VPN via TAMU, or get a private VPN (HMA, for example). ANYCONNECT recommended.

- Remember, pack prudently: check-in allows one piece of luggage up to 20kg (50lbs). Additionally each passenger is allowed one piece of hand baggage -no bigger than 56 x 45 x 25cm (9 x 15,7 x 21,6 In.) including wheels and no more than 8kg (17 lbs). Additional luggage items are charged with 50 – 100 EUR.
- Flight to Europe: Make sure you give yourself about 2.5 – 3hrs advance time to check into the airport in Houston, or whatever airport from which you depart for Europe. If you have any questions about luggage size or check-in issues, contact your carrier directly as they are the accurate source. Typically, you are limited to one check on weighing 44kg (or 50lbs). But, check to make sure. You are allowed one carry-on.
- Flights on Program (in Europe): But remember, whatever you bring on the trans-Atlantic flight will also have to work for you on the intra-European flight (which is basically the same on two flights, Munich – Warsaw and Warsaw – Brussels, both with LOT Air.
- Alternative Travel plans to Passau: I will have your travel itinerary for each of you. Most of you I will meet in Munich upon arrival. If anyone does not arrive in time to make the chartered bus we have arranged to transport us from Munich to Passau, you will have to purchase alternative transportation. This is either a train from Freising to Passau (and cab if you take one from Munich Airport to Fresing – about 20 €). The good news is the hotel is walking distance (about 4 blocks) to hotel Weisser Hasse in Passau. Or, a cab can bring you from depot (Bahnhof) in Passau to hotel (about 20€). Alternatively, you can simply buy a cab at Munich Airport and drive to Passau (approximately 200€). Here is the hotel information for Passau:

Hotel Weisser Hase

<http://www.weisser-hase.de/default.asp?lang=en>

Heiliggeistgasse 1

94032 Passau

Tel: +49 851 9211 0

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info@weisser-hase.de

You may find a plan of the Munich Airport at this link:

<http://www.munich-airport.de/en/consumer/plaene/index.jsp>

A bus will pick us up at Munich and we will proceed directly to Passau and check into the Weisser Hasse Hotel. Remember, my mobile is +979 422 4920, and my email is either jobertson@tamu.edu or jrobertson0415@gmail.com (all jrobertson@tamu.edu emails are forwarded to Gmail, but not vice versa – but I have accounts on both mobile and notebook).

- Cash needs for the first day and evening: ATMs are available very near the hotel. Typically, I disburse some cash in Euros to you at beginning of program. How much is to be determined yet (based on exchange rates, etc.). Throughput program, use of ATMs with your personal bank cards or credit cards best idea – avoid travelers checks.