



ACADEMIC YEAR ABROAD

at the University of Innsbruck



THE UNIVERSITY *of* NEW ORLEANS

DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION



Preparing yourself for success in the 21st century means preparing yourself to thrive in the global community. “International” no longer means “abroad”; it can mean, literally, right next door.

Your participation in The University of New Orleans’ Academic Year Abroad at the University of Innsbruck is an investment that will pay dividends for a lifetime. AYA is designed to help you acquire the cultural savvy so important in the international community today. At the same time, it is intended to give you new insights into yourself and a better understanding of and appreciation for what it means to be American. AYA is an opportunity for you to collect intellectual frequent flyer miles you can cash in for the rest of your life!

Let Innsbruck - the “Bridge over the River Inn” - be a bridge to your future. I look forward to accompanying you on your way there.

Margaret F. Davidson, Ph.D., Resident Director

Resident Director

The resident director of the Innsbruck Academic Year Abroad program is Dr. Margaret Davidson. Dr. Davidson has administered UNO international study abroad programs, including the UNO Innsbruck International Summer School, since 1989. Now a permanent resident of Innsbruck, she knows the area of Tirol and Austria well and has travelled extensively throughout Europe. Dr. Davidson advises students before, during and after participation in the program. She works with students and advisors on course enrollments and in securing transfer credit. Upon students’ arrival in Innsbruck, Dr. Davidson conducts orientation, assists with registration at the University of Innsbruck and with obtaining student resident visas and Austrian student insurance. In addition to teaching some classes herself, she conducts program field trips, organizes special lectures and many other events each semester. Dr. Davidson also provides academic and personal advising throughout the year. Dr. Davidson welcomes your questions and is available for consultation anytime by e-mail:

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“The UNO Academic Year Abroad program in Innsbruck is wonderful in countless ways. It is easy, with helpful people providing support at every turn. It gives you the opportunity to get a whole new perspective on life and on other people along with a first-hand look at their culture. Participating in this program will take your life in new directions and fill it with new, exciting and lasting memories.”

Johnny Ray DeMaine
University of New Orleans

Innsbruck & The University of Innsbruck

Innsbruck, often referred to as “the heart of the Alps,” complements the charm and beauty of a historic European city with the natural splendour of the surrounding mountains and valleys. Of the approximately 120,000 inhabitants about 25,000 are students, who contribute to the young and energetic flair of the city. Two-time host of the Olympic Winter Games and host of the 2012 Youth Olympic Games, Innsbruck takes pride in being a sports capital of Europe. Winter, spring, summer or fall - Innsbruck has a lot to offer. In addition to sports of all kinds, there are cultural opportunities around every corner. Theatres, concert halls, beautiful churches, unique museums, art galleries, artisan shops and farmers’ markets abound. If you want a change of scenery, simply hop on a train. Located in the center of Europe, Innsbruck allows you to explore the rest of the continent easily.

“I loved having so much freedom to create my own Austrian experience while forming friendships and memories through the program.”

Kathryn Marshall
St. Mary’s College

The Leopold-Franzens University of Innsbruck, founded in 1669 by Leopold I, Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, is recognized today as a major European institution of higher learning and research. The cornerstone of UNO’s international study programs is the extremely successful relationship between the University of New Orleans and the University of Innsbruck. A long-standing formal Friendship Agreement with the University of Innsbruck affords UNO special access to the resources and faculty of this great European university.

As a student with the UNO Innsbruck Academic Year Abroad (AYA), you have access to all the courses and activities offered by the various colleges and departments, many of which are conducted in English. In addition, you have access to the computer centers, library, renowned sports institute, student services center and student activities network.



Curriculum and Courses

In keeping with the purpose of the Innsbruck Academic Year Abroad program, courses taught are those enhanced by the setting in Austria and Europe. A concerted effort is made in all courses to reinforce the classroom instruction with field exposure in the rich cultural surroundings. Guest students are responsible for securing approval from their own schools for the courses they wish to transfer.

No prior knowledge of German is required to participate in this program. Students with prior knowledge are placed at the appropriate level of German language instruction.

As an AYA student, you have the option of selecting courses exclusively from the list of AYA course offerings or selecting some of your courses from the regular University of Innsbruck (UIBK) catalogue listing. However, all AYA students must complete some AYA program courses, including German language. The required courses are specifically designed to ease adjustment, facilitate acculturation and provide a firm foundation in the history, culture, geography, business and social practices of Austria and Central Europe.

All AYA Special Topics courses, whether required or optional, are taught primarily in English. To avoid “island program” isolation and encourage interaction with local students, AYA Special Topics courses are also open to Innsbruck students. Further, for regular UIBK courses conducted in German, AYA students have been warmly welcomed and UIBK faculty members have been gracious and willing to give extra help. The language “barrier” should not deter any AYA student from attempting courses of interest conducted in German.

Course Offerings

UNO-AYA courses combine with University of Innsbruck courses to provide a rich palate of opportunities for AYA students. Some courses are offered regularly, others vary each semester. A few courses are required, but every attempt is made to customize course schedules to meet individual needs. Whether students have no prior German knowledge or enough German to qualify for full immersion, it is important that they communicate directly with the resident director regarding course possibilities.

Required Courses

German language at the appropriate level
A&S 2900 Central Europe/Austria/Tirol (fall)
HIST 3595 AYA Special Topics in History: Modern Austria (spring)

AYA Courses

A number of UNO courses are offered on this program. Subjects include Art, History, Political Science, Geology, German, and others.

University of Innsbruck Courses

For a complete list of courses offered at UIBK, including those taught in English, please review the online catalog at https://orawww.uibk.ac.at/public/lfuonline_lv.suche. For further course listings and details: www.inst.uno.edu/aya/courses

Students with German

Students with certified proficiency in German may choose the full immersion track. They will be able to enroll in regularly offered courses at UIBK, in addition to any AYA courses. They will need to consult their Advisor, Department Chairs, and/or Dean at their home institution when selecting classes from the regular University of Innsbruck course offerings. Arrangements for such students will be handled individually with the Resident Director. This coordination will ensure that courses are accepted for transfer credit.

“I have benefited in so many ways from my experience abroad with the Innsbruck AYA program. I’ve begun and will continue to learn German. I’ve seen more of the world, of societies and of people, and in doing so learned more about my own country and myself.”

Dallas Rolnick
The University of New Orleans

Admission, Registration and Transcripts

Students applying to this program must be in good standing. After review of all application materials, students will be notified of acceptance into the Innsbruck Academic Year Abroad. Students are encouraged to apply for the full academic year but may also apply for one semester only. The Innsbruck Academic Year Abroad program requires all students to complete at least twelve hours per semester. Students may enroll in up to 19 hours per semester.

Regular attendance and successful completion of examinations is required of every student. All AYA special courses have midterm and final exams, and transcripts will reflect full letter grade evaluations. University of Innsbruck courses have evaluation criteria determined by the respective professors (oral exam, written exam and/or term paper).

Students will receive a transcript from the University of Innsbruck and from the University of New Orleans at no extra cost. The official UNO transcript will provide a permanent record of all hours completed in Innsbruck and will be sent to the home institutions of all guest students who complete the AYA program.

Medical Insurance

All students are covered by a comprehensive study abroad medical insurance plan that is included in the cost of the program. This policy provides for accident, medical expenses, emergency medical evacuation, repatriation of remains, and family assistance coverage. Extended coverage at additional cost is also available. Students will receive a brochure detailing the insurance plan and an insurance card. This policy does not cover trip cancellation or baggage loss. Should serious illness or an accident require hospitalization, the University of Innsbruck has one of Europe’s finest hospitals, conveniently located across the street from the University. Upon completion of registration on site at the University of Innsbruck, AYA students are also covered by the Austrian student insurance, which pays for most routine medical services such as doctor’s office visits, so that very few, if any, out-of-pocket expenses for medical care are incurred during the program period.



Housing & Meals

Participants are housed in the *Internationales Studentenhaus*, an excellent student dorm located three minutes from the main section of the University of Innsbruck, where most classes are held. Built in 1964 for the Winter Olympics and recently completely renovated, this well-maintained facility has been used for accommodations of UNO's study abroad programs in Innsbruck for many years. It is within convenient, easy walking distance of all major lines of public transportation, grocery stores and other necessary shops, and the historic Old Town. All rooms include bed and bedding with linens, desk, light, chair, shelves, and wardrobe for each student, as well as hook-ups for internet and cable. Private bathroom and kitchenette facilities may be shared with a suitemate, depending upon the student's final room assignment.

Room leases are for 12 months (full year) or 6 months (one semester). All students receive a bi-weekly meal allowance. Students are free to use the allowance as they choose. However, it is intended to provide the main meal of the day which in Austria is the mid-day meal, on all class days at one of the student cafeteria facilities (Mensa). These are excellent facilities used not only by students but also faculty and business professionals in the community for healthy, low-cost meal selections, including vegetarian options. Students also have cooking facilities where they reside, and most students prepare their own meals.

"The University of New Orleans AYA Innsbruck program couldn't have offered a more perfect abroad experience. The array of fascinating classes taught by passionate professors kept me wanting to go back! It will forever be my most memorable and exciting semester."

Anthony Ryerson
Harvard University

Travel

Students are responsible for arranging their own transatlantic transportation. During the course of each semester, regularly conducted field trips, both locally and for extended weekends, are included in the cost of the program. Students also have many opportunities to travel on their own on weekends and during holidays or semester breaks.

"By studying abroad in Innsbruck, I finally fulfilled my dream to travel outside of the U.S. and experience a new culture. After living in Austria for a year, I have become more confident to complete tasks on my own. I came to Innsbruck not knowing anyone and left with many new friends from all over the world. Thanks to my experience in Innsbruck, I have found my independence."

Stephanie Foltz
The University of New Orleans

Financial Assistance

The University of New Orleans and the Innsbruck Academic Year Abroad program believe strongly that the European educational experience should be made available to as many qualified students as possible. To this end, a number of financial awards are available to current UNO students who exhibit high academic achievement, can clearly demonstrate financial need, and whose academic plans will benefit most from this experience.

Students may be eligible to use financial aid, grants, student loans, or other forms of financial assistance for this program. Non-UNO students must apply for financial aid at their home institution but should not hesitate to contact the AYA program administration for assistance with this process.



UNO and the University of Innsbruck receive the Euro-Atlantic Culture Award for International Education

This prestigious prize was awarded to the University of New Orleans and the University of Innsbruck for "their remarkable contribution to the scientific and cultural exchange between Europe and the USA." The European Foundation for Culture "Pro Europa" supports cooperation in the areas of art and sciences between the European Union and the United States.

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Program Dates:

Fall 2019: September 23, 2019 - February 1, 2020** | *Spring 2020:* February 24, 2020 - June 30, 2020**

**Note: Some exams may take place after this date. Please confirm with program administration before purchasing your flights.

Program Cost:

UNO degree-seeking students - Semester: **\$12,990.00** | Academic Year: **\$18,990.00**

Guest students - Semester: **\$14,990.00** | Academic Year: **\$21,990.00**

The program cost includes:

- UNO tuition and fees for full time enrollment
- High quality student housing for 6 or 12 months
- Meal allowance
- All on-site registration fees, residency permit fees*
- Pre-departure materials
- AYA welcome packet
- All orientation materials on-site
- All housing and meal costs during orientation
- Transit pass during orientation
- Most course materials
- All program and class field trips (including: transportation, accommodations and meals)
- Many special meals and events
- Contact with local families, business, government and university officials
- Membership in the Austro-American Society of Tirol
- Access to the AYA on-site office
- Computer and video facilities
- Interaction with peer advisors
- Services of the AYA Resident Director
- Comprehensive Study Abroad Medical Insurance and Austrian Insurance Plans
- University and transcript fees

Not included in the program cost:

- Transatlantic airfare
- Passport/ visa fees
- Telephone calls
- Meals other than those specified
- Weekend travel
- Items of a personal nature

“If someone had told me when I started college that I would travel to Austria and several other countries in Europe, I never would have believed them. Innsbruck is an amazing place with so much opportunity for personal growth, experiences and lifelong friendships I never imagined possible.”

Jacob Wade
The University of New Orleans



* Students who attend AYA for only one semester must obtain a visa and pay any related fees. The cost of a residency permit for students attending AYA for the full academic year will be covered on site by the AYA program.



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Payment Terms:

1. Please make all payments promptly. We cannot guarantee a place in the program unless all payments are made on schedule.
2. A deposit of \$300.00 is required with the application (\$150.00 of which is non-refundable).
3. A second payment of \$700.00 is due upon acceptance into the program.
4. Your program balance is due on:
June 15 for the AYA Fall Semester*
November 15 for the AYA Spring Semester*

Those applying after June 15 or November 15 (provided that space is available) must remit the entire program cost with the application.**

5. Payments can be made securely by credit card online. If you prefer to send a check (made payable to UNO), please mail to:

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* Proof of UNO Financial Aid is considered payment for the AYA program for UNO students. Students receiving other forms of financial aid, loans or grants are asked to contact the Innsbruck AYA administration so that an individualized payment schedule can be arranged.

** If you are unable to pay your balance by these dates due to loans or financial aid, please contact the Division of International Education to set up an individualized payment schedule.

NOTE: The participant remains ultimately responsible for the payment of all program costs regardless of any circumstances such as but not limited to the deferment of payments against the anticipated arrival of financial aid.



“My semester in Innsbruck was filled with adventure, excitement and meeting new people, and it left me with unforgettable memories that I will cherish forever. Studying abroad in Innsbruck was the best decision I ever made. My only regret is not doing the full year program.”

Meghan Flanagan
Saint Mary's College

Refund Schedule:

1. All monies will be refunded in full to students who are not accepted into the program, less the \$150.00 non-refundable fee.
2. \$150.00 of the deposit is fully refundable if a student withdraws from the program voluntarily by:
June 15 - AYA Fall Semester
November 15 - AYA Spring Semester
3. A cancellation fee of \$450.00 will be assessed for cancellations after:
June 15 - AYA Fall Semester
November 15 - AYA Spring Semester
4. A cancellation fee of \$950.00 will be assessed for cancellations after:
July 15 - AYA Fall Semester
December 15 - AYA Spring Semester
5. Only those monies that can be recovered from vendors by the university will be refunded, less the \$950.00 cancellation fee, after:
August 1 - AYA Fall Semester
January 1 - AYA Spring Semester
6. There are no refunds for withdrawals on or after:
September 1 - AYA Fall Semester
February 1 - AYA Spring Semester
7. The effective date of a cancellation shall be the date that written notice is received by the Program Administration at the University of New Orleans.
8. Refund policies apply to all students regardless of date of application or circumstance.

“Thank you, Innsbruck, for getting me out of my comfort zone, exposing me to a new culture, changing my perspective of the world, helping me gain lifelong friends and becoming my second home.”

Sydney St. Pierre
The University of New Orleans



Application Deadlines: June 1 - AYA Fall Semester November 1 - AYA Spring Semester
AYA accepts applications beyond the deadline if space is available