Enjoy a Low-Cost July Study Experience at a Hofstra Partner School in Europe and Fulfill Business Requirements

Two Hofstra professors will be teaching Legal 20 and Accounting 102 at the international summer program of Hochschule Bremen Institute of Applied Sciences, a partner school in Bremen, Germany. This program brings together over 100 students from countries around the world to Bremen, a small and historic city in northern Germany for business instruction in English. Last year, students came from such countries as Russia, India, and Mexico as well as the United States. Bremen is a lovely small city, founded by Charlemagne in 787. It is an hour from Hamburg, and is a great jumping off point for travel by train or budget airlines to other parts of Europe.

What courses are offered?

Professor Glen Vogel will be teaching “Introduction to Legal Systems, Environment, and Contracts,” which is equivalent to Legal 20. No prerequisites are required.

Professor Daniel Tinkelman will be teaching “Managerial Accounting,” which is equivalent to Accounting 102, except that in the Bremen program you will NOT need to have taken ACCT 101 as a prerequisite.

You may also take courses taught by instructors from other schools, such as Principles of Financial Management (counts as FIN 110), International Business (counts as IB 150), International Project Management (counts as a MGMNT elective), Operations and Supply Chain Management (counts as MGT 110) and Entrepreneurship and Business Planning (counts as ENTR 115). Students may also take a German language course.

Why take these courses in Germany, rather than at Hofstra?

• All courses in the international program include a two day module on cross-cultural management and communication. They also include a visit to a VW facility in Wolfsburg.
• You will be studying with students from around the world, and will have the chance to travel and socialize with them. You will also be immersed in another culture. Classes are Monday through Thursday, and your weekends are free.
• Hochschule Bremen organizes a variety of additional, optional activities to help you make the most of your time in Germany. These include welcoming and farewell parties, rock climbing, a city tour, a disco tour, a Beck’s brewery tour, cooking classes, karaoke and bowling nights, and excursions to nearby Bremerhaven, Hamburg, and Hanover.

What is Bremen like?

Bremen is a lovely small city of around a half million people located on a river. It is bicycle friendly, and has an excellent tram and bus system. It has many small restaurants and beer gardens. It is further north than New York, and during the summer it stays light until around 10 p.m. The University of Bremen is
quite large, so there are also a sizeable number of students in the city. Many people speak enough English to help out foreign tourists.

**What are the dates of the program?**

Students arrive in Germany July 4th or 5th. Classes start July 6th and end July 29th, and students depart on July 30th.

**What are the costs?**

Without counting food, the estimated costs are in the range of $3,500 to $4,400 for three credits, or $4,700 to $5,900 for six credits. Because this is not a Hofstra program, the costs are much lower than a typical Hofstra program. The costs include the following:

1. **Tuition.** Hochscule Bremen’s tuition for almost all courses is 850 euros, which is approximately $1,200 for a three-credit course.
2. **Hofstra Off-Campus Administration Fee.** $525
3. **Air Transportation.** Because students often travel in Europe either before or after the program, we are NOT booking a group flight. Students are on their own for arranging travel. Last year, round-trip flights to Bremen from the New York area cost approximately $1,000 to $1,200. (Hochschule Bremen will help students find their accommodations from the airport or the train station.)
4. **Local Transportation.** No extra cost. The tuition includes the cost of a one-month pass on Bremen trams and buses.
5. **Housing.** This can range from around $500 to around $1,400, depending on your choice. Hochschule Bremen offers several choices of accommodation. Accommodations at a very nice hotel can be arranged by Hochschule Bremen at a cost of around 1,100 euros ($1,500) for double occupancy. Students can also choose to stay in a hostel with other students in the international program (400 euros for a double room; 600 euros for a single room), or in a shared apartment (300 to 500 euros). The two Hofstra students who went last year recommended either the hostel or the hotel option.
6. **Food.** Meals are not included in the cost of the program. Hochschule Bremen has a subsidized cafeteria where breakfasts and lunches can be purchased. The hostel has some cooking facilities, and students living in flats also have cooking facilities. Students in the hotel option get breakfast.
7. **Medical Insurance.** Students who are not otherwise covered can purchase relatively low cost insurance through Hochschule Bremen for medical coverage for the duration of the program.
8. **Textbooks.** This varies by course, but most courses either do not use regular textbooks or use open access texts available online without cost.
9. **Weekend activities.** Many students chose to travel on the weekends, or to take part in excursions run by the Hochschule. It is wise to budget some extra money for this.
Further information:

Hochschule Bremen’s website is http://www.ifk-bremen.de/en/programme.html

Contact Professor Vogel at glen.vogel@hofstra.edu for more information about Legal 20.

Contact Professor Tinkelman at Daniel.tinkelman@hofstra.edu for more information about ACCT 102.

Contact Dean Bales at Gioia.p.bales@hofstra.edu for registration and program information.

Other Formalities:

• Because this is not a regular Hofstra program, you will NOT be registering through the Hofstra website, and these courses are NOT listed on the portal. Contact Dean Gioia Bales for registration information. Registration and housing preferences must be finalized by March 15, 2015.
• You must be 18 years old as of the start of the program.
• U.S. citizens do not need visas for summer study in Germany.