

Motorsports Germany

Course Number: MSTE 299 (2 credit hours)

Course Title: **Motorsports Germany**

Course Dates: IUPUI Spring Break
2013 dates – March 10 – 17 (in Germany)
Pre-departure class – Saturday, February 23, 2013
Post-trip Class and Final assignments due – Saturday, April 6, 2013

Course Description: Short Study Abroad Course about German Culture and the history of **motorsports in Germany.**

This is an interdisciplinary course emphasizing motorsports, globalization and German culture.

The Motorsports Germany course includes a six hour pre-departure class, a week in Germany and a six hour post-trip class after the trip to Germany. The course one-week in Germany includes:

General Course Learning Objectives:

The Motorsports Germany course objectives are as follows:

- Learn about the contributions that Germany companies have made to motorsports
- Visit companies who are leaders in the development of motorsports technology
- Gain knowledge of the history of motorsports in Germany
- Compare and contrast different societies (German and American)
- Understand and appreciate the differences of culture.

IUPUI Principles of Undergraduate Learning and Course Learning Objectives/Tasks

Principle #1 – Core Communication and Quantitative Skills

The ability of students to express and interpret information, perform quantitative skills, and use information resources and technology – the foundational skills necessary for all IUPUI students to succeed

Learning Objective/Tasks

- Prepare two written papers
- Participate and contribute during discussions at business/industry visits

Principle #2 – Critical Thinking

The ability of students to engage in a process of disciplined thinking that informs beliefs and actions. A student who demonstrates critical thinking applies the process of disciplined thinking by remaining open-minded, reconsidering previous beliefs and actions, and adjusting his or her thinking, beliefs and actions based on new information.

Learning Objectives/Tasks

- Analyze, integrate, and synthesize what is learned at the businesses/industries visits and understand the importance of their contributions to not only motorsports but the automotive industry in general.
- Evaluate diverse views in regards to looking at a different culture and comparing to the one you live in.

Principle #5 – Understanding Society and Culture

The ability of students to recognize their own cultural traditions and to understand and appreciate the diversity of the human experience, both within the U.S. and internationally.

Learning Objective/Tasks

- Appreciate the interconnectiveness of global and local communities by recognizing the differences and similarities, appreciate differences, know the need to work with each other in order to make a better world.

Class Location/Day/Time/Activities: Time may vary slightly from this schedule for the final course.

Saturday	February 23	10:00 am – 4:00 pm (6 classroom hours)	IUPUI	Pre-departure meeting: course overview and expectations; cultural overview; how to write an effective paper; motorsports as a global enterprise; and finalize content paper topics.
Sunday	March 10	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Heilbronn	Enjoy a German dinner and discuss logistics for the week
Monday	March 11	8:00 am – 5:00 pm (4-5 classroom hours)		Industry visits
Tuesday	March 12	8:00 am – 5:00 pm (4-5 classroom hours)		Industry visits
Wednesday	March 13	8:00 am – 5:00 pm (4-5 classroom hours)		Industry visits
Thursday	March 14	8:00 am – 5:00 pm (4-5 classroom hours)		Formula 1 race track and cultural activity
Friday	March 15	8:00 am – 4:00 pm (4-5 classroom hours)		Meet with Formula student team and cultural activity
Friday	March 16	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm		Wrap up
Saturday	April 6	10:00 am – 4:00 pm (6 classroom hours)	IUPUI	Discussion on journal articles – interesting facts, highlights, cultural differences, etc. and content paper presentations

Points may be earned in accordance with the following scale:

Professionalism, Promptness, and Contribution to discussions	25%
Journal - 5 page reflection paper and discussion	30%
Content paper 6 pages and presentation	45%
• Related to Motorsports/Automotive industry and Germany to be approved during pre-departure meeting.	

Grades:

Letter grades will be assigned in accordance with the following scale:

100% to 98 = A+	80.99 to 78 = C+
97.99 to 93 = A	77.99 to 73 = C
92.99 to 91 = A-	72.99 to 71 = C-
90.99 to 88 = B+	70.99 to 68 = D+
87.99 to 83 = B	67.99 to 60 = D
82.99 to 81 = B-	59.99/lower = F

Explanation of Assignments:

I. Professionalism, Promptness, and Preparation - Students are expected to be courteous and respectful while in Germany. Students are also expected to be on time for all events and activities and contribute during discussions. Students are expected to attend all activities that are deemed part of the class.

II. Journal and reflection – All students are required to keep a daily journal. For the final paper, students will be required to prepare a 5 page paper in which you describe, document, and reflect on your reactions to the German aspects of behavior, attitudes, and customs, as well as the similarities and differences in the lives of citizens of Germany and the U.S. This paper will permit you to identify important insights, observations, etc. and provide a commentary on learning from your observation. In your paper, please indicate how your learning about a different culture from this class is applicable to your personal, academic, and professional life now and in the future. This paper is meant to be about the cultural learning aspect of your trip. Use APA style. There will be a class discussion about this at the April 6 class.

III. Content paper – Students will prepare a 6 page paper on a topic related to Motorsports/Automotive industry and Germany. Topics could include but are not limited to: History of Motorsports in Germany, Biography of German drivers; German motorsports technology and advancement both on and off the racetrack. You should have your topic approved at the February 23rd class. Use at least three references. Use APA style. You will be required to do a class presentation on your paper during the last class session on April 6. Each presentation should include a PowerPoint presentation and be at 15 minutes.

Academic Honesty:

It is important for students to be aware of the **expectations** of IUPUI regarding individual course

work, including written assignments and examinations. Your instructor has high expectations and will hold you to meet those expectations. You need to be aware of the rules which govern your behavior both on and off campus. Should you make a poor choice, you should be aware of the consequences of those actions. Lastly, you should know that your instructor has **tools** which enable monitoring of the uniqueness of your work. These tools can be used as evidence of academic misconduct.

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