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BASIC INFORMATION

Course Dates:  May 13 - June 3, 2015

If you are not traveling abroad before or after your program, you will need to book your flight such that you arrive before the program begins (so you will leave the US on May 11th), and you depart from Bergamo or Milan the day after your program ends.

If you arrive in Munich before May 12th, you will have to arrange your own lodgings until the night of the 12th. SPEA accommodations begin on the night of May 12th, though you may check-in at your apartment and drop off your bags during any time that day.

We suggest that you book your flight out of Italy from the airport “Orio al Serio” in Bergamo. If you want to book your flight out of Milan instead, you will have to take a 2-hour shuttle from Bergamo to Milan Malpensa. Both the Bergamo and the Milan airports offer similar fares on flights back to the US. If you are not planning to travel after this program ends, you should book your flight to leave Italy on June 4th.

Visas:

If you are an international student and/or are not eligible for a US passport, SPEA will provide you with a visa letter that you can use to obtain a tourist visa. You will then need to purchase a tourist visa, as you will not be able obtain a student visa, even though you will be studying at a college in the European Union.

If you are a US citizen, you will not need a visa to enter the European Union as long as your stay does not exceed 90 days.
ABOUT BAVARIA and LOMBARDIA

Augsburg, home to the Global Business Management School at the University of Augsburg, is a city in the south-west of Bavaria, Germany. Bavaria is the largest federal state of Germany, situated in the south-east of the country, and extends from the North German Plain up to the Alps in the south. Bavaria is also the most autonomous of German states, and many Bavarians see themselves as Bavarians first and foremost, Germans second. About 60% of Bavarians are Catholic and are usually more conservative than the rest of Germany. Munich, the capital of Bavaria, is a quite liberal city with a huge number of people from other parts of Germany, Europe, and the world, and it has a large English-speaking community. Other cities in Bavaria include Nuremberg, Bamberg, Regensburg, and other university towns.

Bergamo is a city and commune in Lombardy, Italy, about 25 miles northeast of Milan. Lombardy (Italian: Lombardia) is one of the 20 regions of Italy. The foothills of the Alps begin immediately north of the town. During the 20th century, Bergamo became one of Italy's most industrialized cities. It is also one of the few Italian cities that did not suffer major destruction during World War II. Bergamo is the second most visited city in Lombardy after Milan, the capital of the region. A sixth of Italy’s population loves in Lombardia and about a fifth of Italy’s GDP is produced in the region, making it the most populous and richest region in the country. It is also the region with the most UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Italy; the “Last Supper” fresco by Leonardo da Vinci is in the Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan.
DIRECTIONS from MUNICH AIRPORT to GÄSTEHAUS SLEPS

- Go to Munich Airport Train Station, and follow signs for S Bahn München.
- Take either the S1 or S8 (S1 might be faster; either way you will be on there for about 20 minutes) to the Hauptbahnhof (Central Station). It will be one of the biggest hubs, and there will be an announcement telling you that you have arrived at “Munich Central Station”
- You will need to go all the way up to the main platform. Follow the signs for “Fernzüge” and signs that look like DB.
- from here you have multiple options:
  - Either take a RegionalBahn (RB) or a RegionalExpress (RE) train to Munich. These will be slower trains and will have a few stops between Munich and Augsburg and will take about 40 minutes. These run every 20-30 minutes
  - OR, take an ICE (Inter City Express) train. These are a more expensive and run at varying times. These will get you to Augsburg in about 20 minutes as Augsburg is the only stop after Munich
- Once you arrive in Augsburg:
  - Go outside and go to the Tram line 9 (it is the only tram that picks you up outside of the Train Station)
  - Take the Tram for one stop, to Königsplatz. At Königsplatz transfer to the Tram Number 1 Line going in direction Lechhausen N. Ostfriedhof
  - Take Tram 1 for 3 stops – get off at Barfüsserbrücke
  - Wall about 5 minute on Mittlerer Graben Strasse, towards direction Pilgerhausstrasse (should be the first road you cross, so if you don’t cross a road within 3 minutes you have gone the wrong way
  - SLEPS Gästehaus is off of Mittlerer Graben Strasse about 1000 feet down the road

ADDRESS:
Gaestehaus Sleps
Untere Graben 6
86152 Augsburg Germany
+49 821 7808890
DIRECTIONS from GÄSTEHAUS SLEPS to UNIVERSITÄT AUGSBURG

- Walk south down Unterer Graben, which turns into Bei den Sieben Kindeln, and then into Mittlerer Graben
- Turn left onto Pilgerhausstraße, and go into the Pilgerhausstraße station

- Take the Line 1 (red) westbound, direction Göggingen, and get off at the Kö station.
- Board the Line 3 (yellow) southbound, direction Inninger Straße. Get off at Universität.
- From Universität, walk west across the Universität Augsburg campus to the Global Management School
NOTE: From the main train station in Augsburg (the Hauptbahnhof), you can take a train to Munich and Ulm, both of which are nearby cities. The trip from Augsburg to Munich takes approximately 30 minutes, and the trip to Ulm takes about 45 minutes. You can buy tickets directly from the train station, where you will also find the specific train timetables.
Cultural Sites and Activities in Augsburg

Augsburg Cathedral

- Address: Frauentrostraße 2
- The Augsburg Cathedral (9th - 14th centuries) has bronze doors on the south aisle that have 35 relief panels. The five windows on the south side of the nave have the oldest figural stained glass in Germany, probably dating from before 1100. Four of the side altars have altarpieces by Hans Holbein the Elder.

Zoo & Botanic Garden

- Address: Brehmplatz 1
- Augsburg's Zoo has more than 1,500 animals and a beautiful Botanical Garden on the fringes of Siebentisch Forest.
- The Zoo Augsburg is set on 55 acres with walkways that lead through a variety of habitats including ponds, meadows and tree groves. The Zoo also participates in 20 international breeding programs for endangered species.
**Fuggerei** (Fugger houses – old mansions in the inner city)

- The Fuggerhäuser is a complex of houses on the Maximilianstraße in Augsburg, built for the Fugger family of businessmen. It is now the home of the Fugger-Babenhausen branch of the Fugger family.
- The Fuggers were a German family that was a historically prominent group of European bankers, members of the fifteenth and sixteenth-century mercantile patriciate of Augsburg, international mercantile bankers, and venture capitalists. The family controlled much of the European economy in the sixteenth century and accumulated enormous wealth.
RESTAURANTS in AUGSBURG

Capitol Augsburg: Café, Coffee, Tea
- Address: Judenberg 2
- Hours:
  - Monday: Closed
  - Tuesday–Thursday: 9:30am–12am
  - Friday–Saturday: 9:30am–1am
  - Sunday: 9:30am–12am
- Offers a variety of pub and café food; well recommended

Murdock’s Irish Pub
- Address: Am Roten Tor 8
- Hours:
  - Monday - Thursday: 5pm – 1am
  - Friday–Saturday: 5pm – 2am
  - Sunday: 11am–12am
- Traditional Irish pub and food

Zeughaus-Stuben: German Biergarten
- Address: Zeugplatz 4
- Hours: Daily, 9am – 11:30pm
- Open-air biergarten; Bavarian food
Berghof: Bavarian and German food

- Address: Bergstraße 12
- Hours: Daily, 12pm-2pm and 5pm-12am
- Offers a variety of local food and beer; well recommended

Ratskeller Augsburg: Bavarian Beer Garden

- Address: Rathausplatz 2
- Hours:
  - Sunday-Thursday: 11am-1am
  - Friday-Saturday: 11am-2am
- Traditional German regional cuisine in a typical town hall cellar atmosphere

Gaststätte Unikum: German Restaurant

- Address: Salomon-Idler-Str. 24F
- Hours: Daily, 8am-11pm
- Restaurant is near the University of Augsburg
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<td>Thank you very much</td>
<td>Vielen Dank</td>
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<td>You're welcome</td>
<td>Bitteschön</td>
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<td>Please</td>
<td>Bitte</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
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<td>No</td>
<td>Nein</td>
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<td>Excuse me</td>
<td>Entschuldigen Sie bitte</td>
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<td>Pardon me</td>
<td>Entschuldigung</td>
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<td>I'm sorry</td>
<td>Es tut mir leid</td>
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<td>I don't understand</td>
<td>Das verstehe ich nicht</td>
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<td>I don't speak German</td>
<td>Ich spreche kein Deutsch</td>
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<td>Speak more slowly, please</td>
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<td>Repeat, please</td>
<td>Bitte wiederholen</td>
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<td>What's your name?</td>
<td>Wie heißen Sie?</td>
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<td>Wo ist das WC?</td>
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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The best way to get around Bergamo is by foot. To reach the upper city you can catch Bus 1 (which leaves from the railway station) or the funicular. The ticket costs €1.25 and is valid for 75 minutes.

The main train station in Bergamo has trains to anywhere in Europe, so you can go to Milan (about 40 minutes from Bergamo), Verona, or Venice (about 2.5 hours).

Il Duomo in Milan                Juliet’s Balcony in Verona

Ponte di Rialto, Venice
BERGAMO HOTEL to FUNICULARE and UNIVERSITY

The housing in Bergamo is Central Hostel, the address of which is Via Ghislanzoni 30. From here, you can take the funiculare from the bottom of the mountain (downtown, where you will be staying), up to the “old” city on top of the Mountain where the University is. The name of the funiculare station is Statzione Inferiore Funiculare. Viale Roma is the main street you will use to get there.
MAIN SITES in BERGAMO

The town has two centers: "Città Alta" (upper city), a hilltop medieval town, surrounded by 17th-century cyclopic defensive walls, and the "Città Bassa" (lower city). The two parts of the town are connected by funicular/cable car, roads, and foot-paths – the most convenient being immediately adjacent to the funicular station.

Città Bassa

The lower city is the modern centre of Bergamo. At the end of the 19th century Città Bassa was composed of Borghi, the residential houses built along the main road that linked Bergamo with the other cities of Lombardy. The city rapidly expanded during the 20th century. In the first decades, the municipality erected major buildings like the new courthouse and various administrative offices in the lower part of Bergamo in order to create a new center of the city. After World War II and during the so-called miracolo economico (economic boom) many residential buildings were constructed in the lower part of the city. The shopping district developed shortly after, now commonly known as the street the shops are located on Via 20 Settembre.

Città Alta

The upper city, surrounded by Venetian walls built in the 17th century, forms the historic center of Bergamo. The university is located in the Città Alta, as are numerous other places of interest, such as:

- Cittadella (Citadel): built by the Visconti in the mid-14th century
- Piazza Vecchia (old square)
- Palazzo della Ragione: the seat of the administration of the city in the age of the communes. Currently it houses a selection of paintings from the Accademia Carrara. Erected in the 12th century, it was rebuilt in the late 16th century by Pietro Isabellino. The façade has the lion of St. Mark over a mullioned window, testifying to the long period of Venetian dominance. The atrium has a well-preserved 18th-century sundial
- Palazzo Nuovo (Biblioteca Angelo Mai): designed by Vincenzo Scamozzi in the early 17th century but only completed in 1928
RESTAURANTS in BERGAMO

La Bruschetta
- Address: Guglielmo D'alzano 1
- Authentic Italian restaurant, with gourmet Italian dishes
- Open for breakfast/brunch, dinner, and late-night
- Highly recommended by online reviewers

Il Fornaio
- Address: Bartolomeo Colleoni 11
- Bakery of takeaway pizzas and focaccias
- Offers many different choices of pizzas, at low prices

Trattoria Giuliana di D’ambrosio
- Address: Via Broseta 58
- Hours:
  - Monday – Friday: 12 – 3pm and 7:30-11pm
  - Saturday: 12 – 3pm
  - Sunday: Closed
- Authentic Italian food at very inexpensive prices
BERGAMO HOTEL to ORIO AL SERIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

There are several different ways that you can reach the Orio al Serio International Airport from Bergamo. An airport bus travels between the city and the airport every day of the week, every 20 minutes. You can catch the bus from the Trenitalia station (15 minute trip), from downtown Bergamo (18 minutes), from the Funicolare (23 minutes), or from the Città Alta (30 minutes).

You can purchase tickets for this Airport Bus from the Trenitalia station, the Largo Porto Nuova, as well as at newsstands and automatic vending machines throughout the city. A 24-hour ticket with luggage is about €5.

For more information, you can visit [www.atb.bergamo.it/ENG](http://www.atb.bergamo.it/ENG) and click on “Airport Bus”.

**NOTE:** The Bergamo Orio al Serio International Airport is much closer to Bergamo than the Milan Malpensa airport is, but if your flight is from Malpensa, then you can take a 2-hour shuttle there that leaves from Bergamo downtown. One-way tickets are approximately 18€. This shuttle stops at the Orio al Serio International Airport as well. You can book a ticket online by visiting [www.orioshuttle.com/_eng](http://www.orioshuttle.com/_eng).
# ITALIAN LANGUAGE PHRASES

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<td>Parli piano, per favore</td>
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<td>Repeat, please</td>
<td>Ripeta, per favore</td>
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<td>Come si chiama?</td>
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<td>Come va?</td>
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