



UIW students start classes in European Study Center



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Eight University of the Incarnate Word students are taking classes this fall in UIW's new European Study Center in Heidelberg, Germany.

The grand opening of the center took place Friday, Sept. 14. Among the speakers were Dr. Lou J. Agnese Jr., UIW's president; Marcos Fragoso, vice president of international affairs; Harald Leibrecht, coordinator for Transatlantic Cooperation in the Field of Intersocietal Relations, Cultural and Information Policy; and Mrs. Gary Henry, a UIW Board of Trustees member.

The new center is a place where students can choose to study a semester or a year, said Alanna Taylor, coordinator of the Study Abroad program at UIW.

"The classes are taught in English and are UIW courses, so students will get credit for the course they wish to be enrolled in when studying abroad," she said.

UIW's eight students are the majority of the center's 13-member class. The other five students

OKTOBERFEST

In celebration of the new European Study Center, an Oktoberfest was set 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, on Dubuis Lawn.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

UIW students interested in the center or other opportunities to study abroad should contact Coordinator Alanna Taylor at (210) 805-5709 or e-mail studyabroad@uiwtx.edu

are from other U.S. institutions of higher learning, including one from a UIW sister school, Taylor said.

Growth is anticipated. By comparison, UIW's school in Mexico City only started with four students but now has 700.

Heidelberg is also the home of SRH University, which has become the 120th sister school in the Study Abroad program.

Heidelberg is an established college town, Taylor said. One out of five people are college students, many of who are international students themselves.

To make the experience feel even closer to home, students may find one or more of their UIW professors teaching a semester or two overseas at the European Study Center.

"With the freedom students have abroad, the university requires an 'Experiential Learning in Europe' class, which will only benefit students and help them adapt to European lifestyle," she said. "Culturology and Cross Cultural Communication' is another required course."

Students are also offered opportunities to tour the city and travel to Berlin for a weekend. The school is four hours from Paris.

Basic requirements to study abroad include a 2.5 grade point average and a valid passport.

Taylor encourages all students to take an opportunity to study abroad.

"The students have all the freedom as if you are living at Incarnate Word," she said.



The facility is serving 13 students initially this fall semester; eight from the University of the Incarnate Word.



Dr. Lou Agnese Jr., right, watches ribbon-cutting.

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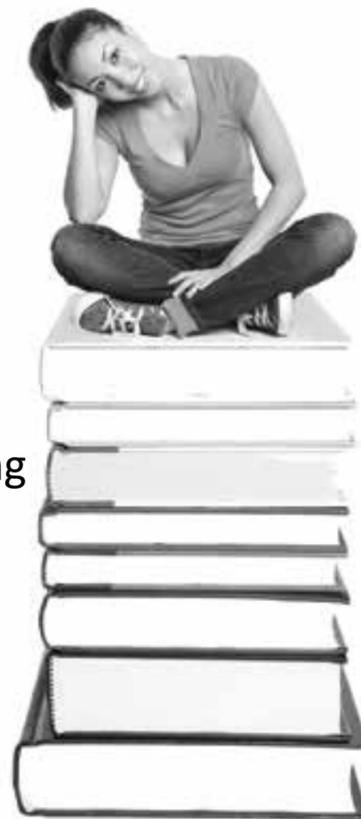
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