Guidelines
2016 Summer Innsbruck Program

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## Guidelines

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Introduction

Our vision for the Summer Innsbruck Program is for it to be a first class education program abroad that replicates the rigor of the Stetson experience for a select group of mature students, responsible enough to study and travel independently.

Please read the information contained in this booklet and the Innsbruck Survival Guide carefully before you decide to study abroad, and again before you leave the United States. Also, take these manuals with you to Innsbruck, as they can answer some of the questions that will arise during your summer abroad. This manual should be used in conjunction with any handouts that you receive in the Innsbruck participant meeting.

Facebook Group

There is a Summer Innsbruck Program 2016 Facebook group. As an accepted student you should have been added to the group, or you may have to request to join. The name of the group is “Summer Innsbruck Program 2016.” We will post all updates for meetings and orientations, and also this document, on this Facebook group. You will get notice of updated information by your email account. Those updates will be copied under announcements.

Finally, an advantage is that you can communicate with others in the program before you leave and while you are there.

Deciding to Study Abroad

Who should go abroad?

Every student who has the maturity and independence to handle the challenges of living for an extended period in a different culture very far from home should at least consider studying in a foreign culture. Study abroad is a transformative experience with enduring benefits that will serve a participant for a lifetime.

Why should I study abroad?

Study abroad is truly an experience of a lifetime. Most students who have spent time abroad rank the experience as one of the best, if not the best of their college careers.
Many employers list international experience at the top of their list of qualities sought in a job candidate. Even if the job does not have a direct international component, having studied abroad shows strength of character, ability to “think outside the box,” broad-mindedness, and global awareness. Having the experience on your resume will set you apart from other applicants.

You will gain a range of qualities and skills that will serve you for the rest of your life, such as maturity, independence, problem-solving, and self-reliance. You will deepen your understanding of yourself and the world. Many students return with a much more solid idea of future goals.

Are there students who should **not** study abroad?

It cannot be overemphasized that students must be prepared for the challenges that they will face abroad. Some students may view these challenges as hardships. Everyone should consider carefully whether they are ready to face these challenges and spend six weeks abroad.

Study abroad may pose extra challenges to

- Students who are not ready to be away from friends and family for six weeks.
- Those who have medical, psychological, or emotional problems, which can be exacerbated by the stress of adjusting to a new culture.
- Those who are fearful of going abroad. It is natural to be nervous about any new experience. However, students who are very apprehensive or fearful of going abroad may want to “practice” studying abroad by:
  - Spending a summer away somewhere in the U.S. to see how they feel about being far from family and friends.
  - Trying a short study program that is led by a Stetson University professor. There are several opportunities for students to travel in groups led by faculty. Contact the World: International Learning office for a listing of those opportunities.
- Students who use alcohol to excess.

When is the best time to study abroad?

Planning ahead for study abroad is very important. The earlier you start planning and discussing your options with your Academic Adviser, the more likely you are to have a positive experience.

If you study abroad as a rising junior

- it may be easier to get the type of classes that you need because you probably still have a number of elective courses you need to fulfill.

- On the other hand, many students do not feel ready to go abroad in their sophomore summer, and some do not have the maturity to handle the challenges of study abroad. Maturity and readiness for study abroad are also very important.
If you study abroad as a rising senior

- You may be more mature but you may have less course flexibility because you are continuing your major and upper level course work by this time. Students who plan study abroad in their junior or senior summer may decide to delay taking their elective courses until the summer abroad.

If you study abroad as a senior

Again, you may have problems fulfilling upper division and major course requirements. However, the policy about participating in graduation ceremonies has changed in that students can walk in May if they are within two courses of graduating. They must have ALL of their cultural credits done (for Innsbruck students this means they cannot need or use the ones they get for going there) and their major GPA and cumulative GPA must be at least a 2.00. If they plan on walking they must apply now and not wait for the deadline for summer graduation.

Innsbruck students would still have a summer grad date, not May.

Regardless of when you decide to study abroad, it’s important to start planning as soon as possible. Be sure that you let your academic advisor know of your study abroad plans so that you can discuss the most appropriate time to be away for a summer.

*Are all of the classes taught in English?*

Yes, all Summer Innsbruck Program classes are taught in English by regular Stetson faculty and distinguished visitors.

*Do I need to know a foreign language?*

No. English is understood/spoken in most of the places you will visit. Your enjoyment of your trip will be improved by learning phrases in German and other languages.

*How should I prepare for study abroad?*

- Apply for your passport.
- Discuss your study abroad plans with your Academic Adviser and your parents.
- Complete the application process.
- Talk with students who have studied in Innsbruck.
- Learn as much as you can about Innsbruck. The Internet, the library, returned study abroad students, and your professors are abundant sources of information.
How do I convince my parents that it is a good idea for me to study abroad?

Remind them of the value of being a global, well-rounded and well-educated person. Let them know that in any career study abroad will make you a more competitive job candidate. If your parents continue to have concerns, ask them to call the Director of the Summer Innsbruck Program, who is always glad to talk with parents about the value of a summer abroad.

Stetson Code of Conduct

While committed to the idea of treating our students as adults, we remind them that they are Stetson students and therefore subject to the rules and regulations of Stetson University and the Stetson Code of Conduct. Therefore, any violation of that code or any activity or behavior that is deemed, by the on-site director, detrimental to the University or its students is grounds for dismissal from the program.

Cost of Program

The price for the Summer Innsbruck Program is $5,900.

Your Summer Innsbruck tuition, room and board price includes:
1. Tuition for two 4-hour courses,
2. Your room in Innsbruck (double occupancy),
3. Two hot meals (breakfast and lunch) for 21 class days, and
4. Six-week city bus pass
5. Insurance

Expenses not covered include:

- Airline tickets
- Eurail pass
- Passport
- Visa, if necessary
- Meals in restaurants
- Personal travel
- Entertainment
- Books and supplies
- Phone costs
- Gym or fitness center
- Other personal expenses
Every student who studies in the Summer Innsbruck Program (including those who live off campus while in DeLand, those who are the dependents of faculty and staff and receive tuition benefits at Stetson, and those on the Tuition Exchange Program for faculty and staff dependents) pays the same price for the program. There are certain benefits that you receive on the Stetson campus, workout rooms, health center, etc. that may not be available in Innsbruck. Keep in mind that although you do not receive such benefits while you are abroad, you receive other benefits that students on the home campus do not.

**Cancellation Policy**

The cancellation terms for the Summer Innsbruck Program are as follows:

For cancellations received after January 31, 2016, students will lose the amount deposited ($150). Additionally, after March 15, 2016, the cancellation fee will be assessed on the basis of what costs Stetson University incurs resulting from the reduced number of students going to Innsbruck, Austria. In the event that Stetson is able to fill the place of a student who cancels from the program, the cancellation fee will be reduced to the initial deposit ($150.00).

**Tentative program schedule**

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<td><strong>Tues., March 15</strong></td>
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<td>Thursday, April 28</td>
<td>12:00 – 2:00, LBC 108 (Auditorium) – First class.</td>
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<td>hand out assignments and discuss their syllabi.</td>
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<td>Friday, July 1</td>
<td>Group flight departs Orlando at 2:05 p.m. (be at airport by 11:00 a.m.)</td>
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<td>Saturday, July 2</td>
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<td>12:00 noon Dorm opens for check-in</td>
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<td>Orientation classes A &amp; B (9:00 and 10:30)</td>
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<td>4:00 p.m. City Tour with professional tour guide (included in trip cost)</td>
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<td>6:00 p.m. Opening Banquet (included in trip cost)</td>
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<td>Regular classes begin</td>
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<td>Saturday, July 9</td>
<td>Alpine hike</td>
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<td>Sunday, July 10</td>
<td>Castle tour (included in trip cost)</td>
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<td>Tuesday, Aug. 9</td>
<td>Final exams; closing banquet (included in trip cost)</td>
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10:55 a.m.  Group flight departs Munich
6:35 p.m.  Group flight arrives Orlando

**Safety Issues:**

*Do I need any vaccinations to study abroad?*

Stetson University requires all students, study abroad and domestic, to have the MMR, meningitis, and hepatitis B immunizations. The meningitis and hepatitis B can be excluded for domestic students if you sign a waiver. However, they are strongly recommended for study abroad students. To find out if your vaccinations are up-to-date, stop by Student Health Services or contact them at 386-822-8150.

No additional vaccinations are required by Stetson. However, you may want to visit the web sites of the World Health Organization ([http://who.int](http://who.int)) and the Centers for Disease Control [www.cdc.gov/travel/](http://www.cdc.gov/travel/) to find out if they have recommendations about the country(ies) to which you will be traveling.

**Health Emergency:**

In the unlikely event there is an emergency involving you or a classmate that requires medical or other emergency assistance, you are required by the Stetson University Code of Conduct to contact either the on-site director, Dr. John Tichenor; or the student coordinator, as soon as possible (cell numbers will be provided the first week in Innsbruck).

**Insurance:**

All students will need to be covered by insurance. Stetson has a mandatory insurance, through AIG, that all Stetson study abroad students must have. For the Innsbruck Program, the $80 charge for insurance is included in the cost of the Program, and will be paid by the Summer Innsbruck Program. Therefore all students are covered under Stetson’s group plan.

**Other Safety Issues**

If you are involved in an incident where you are verbally assaulted or feel threatened, you are to give the Director a brief memo stating:

1. Which Stetson people were with you when the incident occurred,
2. When the incident happened,
3. Where it happened,
4. A short description of the incident including what you said or did.

Incidences should be reported promptly, in writing, to the Director. The Director will report these to the authorities, if appropriate.

**Staying Safe Guidelines**

- If you use alcohol, do so in moderation – not only is public drunkenness a safety issue, it is unacceptable behavior in every city in Europe, violates Stetson’s policy on student conduct, and is grounds for suspension from the program.
- Do not walk or jog alone.
- Travel with two to three companions but never in a large group (i.e. 5 or more) – this applies to sightseeing too.
- Remember to keep your criticism about the local population’s cultural differences (bathing habits, food preferences, lack of ice, hair styles, “rudeness,” slow restaurant service, etc., etc., etc.) to yourself when in public. Just because you can’t understand what they are saying does not mean that they don’t understand you and are deeply offended by such comments; even when you think your comments are part of your “private” conversation in a public place such as on a bus or train.
- Be sure you have a copy of the emergency procedure (above) and emergency numbers which will be given out the first week.
- Recreational drugs are illegal in Europe, all of Europe – regardless of what you have heard. Recreational drug use violates Stetson’s policy on student conduct and is grounds for suspension from the program.
- Finally, the legal system there is different from ours; you do not have the “rights” there that we enjoy in the US; more than one of those “other American students” learned this the hard way in past years.

**Safety and Security**

- Remember that although you may think you look and act like the “locals”, the fact that you are a foreigner will be very obvious to others. This makes you a target because people may see you as a tourist and assume that you have a lot of money on you.
- By far the most common crimes are theft, pick pocketing, and purse snatching. Be careful.
- Keep your dorm room locked even when you are inside or leave the room—even for just a minute.
- Keep the windows closed and locked when you are asleep in the room or if you leave the room—even for just a minute.
- Do not prop the main door of your dormitory open if you are expecting friends; this is an invitation into your residence for those with ulterior motives. It puts you and all other
residents at risk. If you find that the door has been propped open by someone else, feel free to close it. This is for everyone’s well-being.

- Do not put your purse down or hang it from the back of your chair.
- Do not leave your personal belongings unattended in your unlocked dorm room, in a classroom, in the library, in the dining room, or any other public area. Things can disappear in seconds.
- Carry your ID card, cash card, money, and other valuables in a money belt or neck pouch. The neck pouch is ideal because it can be worn under the clothing making it inaccessible to thieves.
- Do not leave large amounts of money or other valuables in your room.
- Do not carry large amounts of money or other valuables with you.
- Except in Russia, it is not necessary to carry your passport with you unless you are traveling to another country. You should carry a photocopy of your passport just in case you are stopped by authorities. Students traveling in Russia must carry their passports with them at all times. It is quite possible to get stopped in Russia and have to show your passport at any given time. Photocopies of your passport will not be accepted.
- Always keep other emergency phone numbers with you (taxi service, for example).
- Always have enough cash to make a phone call for a taxi and pay the fare.
- Never accept a ride from someone that you don’t know well.
- Remember that you are a foreigner and you look like a foreigner. This can make you more vulnerable. Keep a low profile. Don’t advertise the fact that you are American by speaking loudly in English, wearing items displaying the U.S. flag, etc.
- Never leave your food or drink unattended or with someone you don’t know well.
- When taking a taxi alone, women should not get into a taxi with more than one man in it.
- Women should not ride in the front seat of a taxi.
- When walking across a street, wait for the light to turn green, look both ways, and count to 5 before stepping off the curb. In many countries, pedestrians do not have the right of way.
- All students should take the same precautions that they would in New York City or any other large American city.
- Do not assume that Europe is safer than the U.S. People may seem friendlier, more open, more carefree, but crime occurs everywhere in the world.
- It is a simple fact that women are more vulnerable to crime. Do not walk alone at night on-or off-campus. There is safety in numbers. If you must be on your own, stick to well-populated, well-lit areas.
- Do not carry someone else’s package onto a plane, train, bus, or in any airport or station.
- If you see an unattended package, bag or other item, distance yourself from it immediately.
- Do not do drugs while abroad. The laws of Austria apply to you and the penalties can be severe. Neither Stetson University nor the U.S. Embassy will be able to do anything to help you in case of an arrest. You could find yourself in a foreign prison for years for a crime that might bring a more lenient sentence in the United States.
• Be aware that when you drink or take drugs your judgment is impaired and you are unable to protect yourself.

Note: It is your responsibility to safeguard your belongings. No one can do that for you. If your pocket is picked or your purse snatched without violence, the Director will give you guidance on how to file a police report, replace your passport, cancel your credit cards, etc., but he may not be able to accompany you to the various offices that you will need to visit. These are time-consuming tasks. It is much easier to safeguard your belongings than to try and replace them.

Stetson University or the Summer Innsbruck Program and its agents cannot be responsible for loss or damage or other expenses related to baggage, packages, or possessions.

Summer Innsbruck Program Policy on Safety and Security

The current international political climate is a source of great concern for many people. For students abroad and their families, we know that concern is especially pressing. At Stetson University, the safety and security of our students is paramount. We are taking steps to enhance their well-being abroad.

What should students do to stay safe?

- Do not travel to Middle Eastern, Central Asian or North African countries.
- Always leave a travel itinerary with your Resident Director if you travel outside of Innsbruck or plan to be away from your residence overnight.
- Keep your emergency contact card on you at all times.
- Check the State Department’s travel advisories for Austria and any country you are considering traveling to (http://travel.state.gov).
- Find out where your nearest STA Travel representative is in case you must make changes to your return ticket; don’t wait until a crisis arises to do this (www.statravel.com).
- Avoid “American interests” (U.S. companies, Embassies and Consulates, military bases, etc.)
- Avoid large crowds and demonstrations.
- Avoid places that are known to be frequented by Americans (Hard Rock Cafés, McDonald’s, etc.)
- Avoid speaking English in a loud and obvious way.
- Do not display the American flag on caps, clothing, backpacks, etc.
- Your American passport should only be visible when you are showing it to authorities at the airport or on other official occasions.
- Avoid displaying any action or article that might identify you as an American.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
If you see an unattended package, bag or other item, distance yourself from it immediately.
Understand that alcohol and drug-use impair your judgment.
Make sure that your Resident Director has your contact information, including
- home phone number
- cell phone number
- home address
- email address

The U.S. State Department issued a Worldwide Public Caution soon after September 11, 2001. The caution has been in effect almost continuously since then and is periodically updated. For your safety, it is prudent to stay abreast of the State Department’s announcements for Austria and any country you plan to visit. Check www.travel.state.gov for the most up-to-date information on Austria and any country to which you plan to travel.

We will post emergency numbers for the on-site faculty director as soon as possible. We will activate and verify the numbers when we get to Innsbruck. You should then give these numbers to your parents/guardians, but please remind them that they are for emergencies only and you will have phone/internet service in your room.

**Passports & Visas**

Passports and visas are your responsibility; we do not check either. Generally, as a U.S. student, all you will need is a valid passport to study and travel in Europe for the six-week period. However, if you plan on traveling outside of central Europe, you may need a visa.

There are five passport steps to follow:

1. Get it now! This is going to be a busy summer for European travel and the passport offices get very busy.
2. One passport photo: Go to a professional photographer or Walgreens (300 E NEW YORK AVE) and have him/her make you a passport photo. Photos must be a specific size and meet very exact criteria. Approximate cost is $10 (plus tax) for a photo.
3. Take your photo, a certified copy of your U.S. birth certificate* (or naturalization papers), a completed (in black ink) but not signed DS 11 form (available at www.travel.state.gov), your driver’s license or government issued ID, and a photocopy of the front and back of your driver’s license/ID to the Clerk of the Circuit Court. In DeLand go to the County Complex at 101 N. Alabama Ave., Room C119, phone 736-5913. Hours are Mon.– Fri., 8:00 to 2:30 **You must be there before 2:00pm to be accepted** (Bring your checkbook or money order because two checks
are required. Person who signs checks must be present or Clerk will not accept them.) It will take 4 – 6 weeks for the federal government to return your passport to you. Cost is $110 plus $25 for the Clerk of the Court. (If you delay applying and then have to expedite your application, the fee is going to be much higher).

* Check with the passport office to see if you need a long-form birth certificate. This may be required depending on where you were born.

4. Make **2 photocopies** of the first page of your passport (the one with your picture on it). Keep one copy with you at all times, and give one to the director. Also, leave a copy of your passport with someone in the U.S. with whom you will be in contact.

5. Always carry your passport in a body belt (under your clothes); never, NEVER, carry valuables in a backpack or a fanny pack.

If you are not a U.S. citizen, you may need a special visa to travel abroad. You must check with your local consulate to find out what you’ll need and where to get it. It is important that you do this ASAP because of lengthy processing times. Remember: **passports and visas are your responsibility**; we do not check either. Please have copies made to give to the director.
Travel

Update for those traveling on the group flight:

Orlando International Airport
Date: Friday, July 1, 2016
Check in time: 11:00 a.m.
Departure time: 2:05 p.m.
Flight: Delta, DL 2128Y, Orlando to Detroit
Flight: DL 22Y, Detroit to Munich
Arrival Time: 8:30 a.m. July 2, 2016

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For those not on the group flight:
If you are not traveling with the group, you should arrive in Innsbruck by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 2, 2016.

Trains run from Munich to Innsbruck almost every hour, and there is a direct line from the Munich airport to the main Munich train station.

There is also a shuttle service from the Munich airport to Innsbruck called Four Seasons; the cost is 52 Euros one way and 88 Euros round trip. It’s about a 3-hour trip and you need to have reservations; contact Four Seasons at:

FOUR SEASONS TRAVEL
A-6020 Innsbruck  Burgenlandstr. 8
Tel: 011-43-512/584157; Fax: 011-43-512/585767
E-mail: office@airport-transfer.com, Website www.airport-transfer.com

Munich Airport Office: Counter marked TRANSFERSERVICE. After luggage claim follow the sign to the "Central Area" using the escalator, proceed to "Central Information", next to TRANSFERSERVICE.
If you arrive Innsbruck by train, take a cab to the dorm. Tell the driver you want to go to the “WIST Haus Panorama” (Furstenweg 174) near the airport (Flughafen); there is more than one Panorama in Innsbruck so be sure to specify the Flughafen. If you arrive by plane, you will be two blocks away and an easy walk to the WIST Haus Panorama. If you take a bus, use the “F” bus heading to Flughafen. Tell the bus driver that you want off at the bus stop near the WIST Haus Panorama. This stop is the one before the airport.

**Eurail Passes:**

An option for traveling in Europe is purchasing a Eurail pass. You should buy your Eurail pass in the US. The same discount rate may not be available in Europe. Anna Santilli offers the pass, but you can get them from any travel agent. If you order your pass from Ms. Santilli, we will give those out during the Eurail orientation in Innsbruck. Keep in mind that there are other travel options like discount airlines; research which options are best for your particular travel plans.

**Academic**

It is important to remember the “study” in study abroad. If students are looking for a vacation, they are advised to strap on a backpack, buy an airline ticket and go abroad independent of a study abroad program. In a study abroad program, you will be expected to attend classes, study, complete assignments, take exams, etc. The grade that you are assigned by your professor abroad will appear on your Stetson transcript and will count toward your GPA.

It is important to know that the Pass/Fail option may not be used for major, minor, or Foundation courses, or for Junior Seminars. For students majoring in the School of Business Administration, the Pass/Fail option may be used only during the junior or senior year and may be used only for courses that are beyond all School of Business Administration requirements and offered outside the School of Business Administration.

**Introduction to Classes: April 28, 2016**

To fit in class information needed in regular classes in Innsbruck, we will have introductory class meetings prior to leaving campus for the summer break. Your instructors will introduction their course, pass out syllabi, and make initial homework assignments. Please make plans to attend these introductory class sessions from **12:00 to 2:00 on Thursday, April 28, 2016, in LBC 108 (Auditorium).**
Computers:

We will have access to the University of Innsbruck computer labs. This means you will be able to access the Internet. The labs have both IBM’s and Mac’s, and run Microsoft software (Word, Excel, etc.). While the software is in German, the program layout is basically the same as English and it’s not too hard to get the hang of things. Realize that labs are crowded, and are open for business hours only (no late nights). In addition, there are phone and internet connections in your room, for a small charge.

We encourage you to bring a laptop computer if you have one. They can be handy, especially if you’re taking a class with a relatively large computer component. Remember that if you do bring a computer, you might need the appropriate transformer and adapter for 220w vs. 110w in U.S. Most newer models have an internal transformer – check your manual or with the manufacturer to be sure. You will, however, need a plug adapter.

Books:

Purchase your textbooks before you leave campus. All of them will be available at the Stetson bookstore. The books you need are listed in the course syllabi you will receive at your April 28th class. There are no English bookstores in Innsbruck.

Pre-course assignments:

Pre-course assignments for your two classes in Innsbruck will be distributed at the April 28th meeting.

Complete these assignments before you leave for Innsbruck as they are due the first day of class. The intent of the assignment is to enable us to “hit the ground running” to take better advantage of our short academic term and decrease lengthy weekend assignments. In several cases you will find that these are assignments that are easier to do “over here” than “over there.” Do not neglect these assignments.

Address and phone information

WIST Haus Panorama:

Your mailing address at the dormitory in Innsbruck will be:

(Your name)
WIST Haus Panorama
Furstenweg 174
You’ll get your room telephone number when we arrive in Innsbruck. Tell your friends and family not to worry if it takes you a day or two to call them. The first few days can be hectic and it takes time to get used to the phone system, etc. Until then, if they need to reach you in an emergency, they can call Nancy Kernan’s office at 386-822-7394. It takes several days for the dorm management to get your individual access codes and extensions for the phones in your rooms. Once they do, it is quite easy to call out and receive calls in your room.

**Room and board**

**Food service**

As a reminder: your room-and-board package includes two meals a day (breakfast and lunch) for *class days only*. Breakfast will be available at the WIST Haus Panorama before your classes, and lunch at the Mensa (next to University of Innsbruck) begins at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m. The food is Austrian, which means different (but good) from your typical Commons offerings. Also, the faculty and student coordinator can point you to some places to eat and get groceries when we’re in Innsbruck.

**Housing Facilities**

Students are housed in the WIST Haus Panorama, a private facility, and subject to the rules and regulations of the landlord. You are responsible for maintaining your rooms in the same condition as when you arrived. There is a quiet hour law in Innsbruck – “Nachtruhe” – that begins at 11:00 p.m. There will be students from Innsbruck in the same dorm. Stetson has no control over room assignments. The landlord “rents back” rooms from students not in Innsbruck during the summer and, therefore, does not know until June which rooms will be available. Therefore, we are typically assigned rooms in several different areas of the WIST Haus Panorama complex.

Property damage in Innsbruck is a serious matter and can result in an eviction and grounds for suspension from the Summer Innsbruck Program. Stetson University does not bear any financial responsibility for students evicted from the WIST Haus Panorama nor is it responsible for the decisions of the landlord. Under no circumstances can visitors share your room.
**Summer contact addresses**

If you have questions about the program before we leave, please contact Nancy Kernan at nkernan@stetson.edu or call her at (386) 822-7394.

**A final word**
This will be an experience you will remember for the rest of your life. You will have a good classroom experience. These are regular Stetson classes and you’ll be traveling and studying in Europe as an adult. You’ll find the classes academically challenging. But you’ll have small classes and a tightly knit learning community of colleagues and faculty. You’ll learn a lot.

However, the learning is not limited to the classroom. You are, quite rightly, very excited about the prospects of working and traveling through the continent with your friends. Enjoy yourselves but don’t forget: you are visiting in someone else’s home. Some of their ways are different, even strange, but that’s the reason for studying abroad.

As we all know the world has changed. Travel and enjoy the experiences; but be prepared to suspend judgment – the American way is not always the “only” way – and we have much to learn from others. You are a representative of your country, school and family.