**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Ludwigshafen is a city in Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany. It is located on the Rhine river opposite Mannheim; With Mannheim, Heidelberg and the surrounding region, it forms the Rhine Neckar Area - the center of the metropolitan Rhein-Neckar region, an economic powerhouse with over 134,000 companies, excellent infrastructure, and around 770,000 workers. Ludwigshafen am Rhein is a young city. It was first established in 1853 when the founding fathers laid the foundation of the Rheinchanze bridgehead and the winter harbor. Its growth and wealth were linked to its expansion into becoming the home for one of the world's most important chemical companies - BASF, along with several other rapidly growing chemical companies.

The city centre of Ludwigshafen is comparatively small and dominated by post-war buildings. Its northern and southern boundaries are the Hochstraßen (highways on stilts), the Rhine is in the East and the main station is located in the West of downtown Ludwigshafen, at a walking distance of about 15 minutes from the central pedestrian precinct.

**PROGRAM DATES**

- Spring (March - July)
- Academic Year (October - July)

**GPA REQUIRED**

2.75

**TOTAL ESTIMATED COST**

- $13,792 in-state
- $23,383 out-of-state

Please note that these are estimates and are subject to change based on exchange rates, costs in country, and personal spending habits.

**GERMANY**

>> PROGRAM OFFERINGS (STUDENTS MUST ENROLL IN THE EQUIVALENT OF 12 COFC HOURS)

- There is a one-week orientation offered the week before lectures begin. A German crash-course is offered for interested students. Business Administration and introductory German language courses.

Credit: The courses taken at Ludwigshafen University must be pre-approved by the appropriate academic department for potential transfer credit.
>> TOTAL PROGRAM COST
Students pay College of Charleston tuition and fees to study at the Ludwigshafen University. Housing fees are paid directly to Ludwigshafen. Most CofC financial aid will apply.

>> INCLUDED IN PROGRAM COST ON COFC E-BILL
- College of Charleston tuition & fees (currently $6,439 in-state & $16,030 out-of-state)
- Study Abroad Fee ($50)
- International Medical Insurance ($34/month)

>> COURSE APPROVAL PROCESS
Once you have identified a potential exchange study abroad program, you will need to work with the appropriate departments at the College of Charleston to have the courses approved for transfer credit. You will need to provide a description or syllabus to the appropriate department chair or appointed professor for evaluation. See the course approval directory to know whom to contact. It is the discretion of the professor to award any and all transfer credit. All approved courses must be documented on the course approval form. See CIE for this form (Note: you must first attending advising session or meet with a study abroad advisor before receiving this form).

>> NOT INCLUDED IN PROGRAM COST
- Airfare (estimated $1,500)
- Housing (estimated $2,000)
- Meals (estimated $2,000)
- Residence Permit ($115)
- Local Transportation (estimated $250)
- Books & Supplies (estimated $500)
- Personal Expenses (estimated $800)
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>> GRADES
The College of Charleston transfer credit policy requires students to earn the equivalent of a U.S. "C" or better to receive credit for an approved course (a "C-") will NOT transfer back). Transfer grades do NOT appear on your official College of Charleston transcript and is therefore NOT factored into your College of Charleston GPA.

>> SCHOLARSHIPS
- Scholarships of $500-$2000 each are available to support CofC degree-seeking students to study abroad; eligibility is based on demonstrated financial need and academic merit. Applications can be found on the CIE website here: http://international.cofc.edu/study-abroad/scholarships.php

>> TO APPLY
To apply visit international.cofc.edu and follow the instructions on applying online. For more information contact Melissa Ochal, Associate Director, Center for International Education, ochalm@cofc.edu, 843-953-7661