

## Furman University Study Away Program: Program Expectations

**Program Title:** Art & Empires

**Locations:** Munich, Germany; Prague, Czech Republic; Vienna, Austria; Budapest, Hungary

**Dates:** May 14 on campus, May 15 - June 4 overseas

**Program Description:** Art & Empires combines the study of art history and drawing through group trips to major museums, churches, and civic landmarks in Munich, Prague, Vienna, and Budapest (territories that formerly made up the Holy Roman Empire in the early modern era). Through on-site discussions and reflective drawing exercises in each city, we will examine how collecting and display practices at museums, building campaigns, and the preservation of cultural heritage have shaped national identities and historical narratives about global societies.

### Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations for Participation

Below is a list of academic, environmental and physical expectations and requirements for participation in this study away program. The list captures most, but not all, requirements. If you have questions about the expectations and requirements, please check with the study away office or the program directors. Students requiring a physical or academic accommodation should contact the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR) no less than 4 months prior to the start date of the program.

	Frequency		Frequency
<b>ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS</b>	Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional	<b>STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT</b>	Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional
Course work in a foreign language	Never	Foreign Language Environment	Always - you will usually be able to find someone who speaks English, but the native languages are German, Czech, and Hungarian.
Course work in English	Always	Terrain (Mountains, Tropical, Forest, Desert, Hilly, Flat)	Uneven streets and sidewalks. Some walking through gardens.
Laptop Required	Not required	Population: Rural, Urban, Remote, etc.	Urban
Smart phone required (videos, photos, blogs)	Required for communication with group and instructors	Environment (high altitude, air pollution, dusty, sandy, humid, dry, hot, cold)	could have hot days or cold rainy days.
Traditional Classroom	1 day at Furman	Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	No
Group Work	Sometimes	Is tap water safe to drink	Tap water may be safe, but caution is always recommended.
Academic Assessments (tests, journals, presentations, essays)	journals, presentations, sketchbook assignments	Other Risks (natural disasters, crime, pickpocketing, etc.)	Potential for pickpocketing. Occasionally threats of terrorism raise alerts in these areas.
Interactions with local residents	guided tours by locals	Cultural Dress Code	Respectful clothing in places of worship. Bring layers.
Field Work/Research	Never	Risk of Discrimination	Same as anywhere
Internship/ Volunteer Work	Never	Curfew	No
<b>PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS</b>	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional	<b>HEALTH &amp; DIET</b>	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Lifting/Carrying Own Luggage	Required	Vegetarian and Vegan Options Available at all meals	Should be available everywhere
Carrying equipment or program supplies	Sketchbooks and pencils	Food Allergy Accommodations	Yes

Standing 60+ minutes	Often students will stand for long durations in musuems and outside
Ability to walk up one or more flights of stairs (elevators may not be available)	Some hotels do not have elevators, some museums are not great about accommodations
Hiking (easy to strenuous; frequency; miles)	No
Walking 3+ miles per day	Daily walking from place to place. A musuem might include 3 miles of walking
Use of public transportation (buses, trams, trains, subways)	Yes, daily
<b>LIVING ARRANGEMENTS</b>	<b>Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional</b>
Roommate	Always
Hotel	double occupancy rooms
Cell phone signal available	Always - check with your cell phone carrier about an international calling plan.
Internet signal available	Wifi is free. For internet when there is no wifi, check with your cell phone carrier for an international data plan.
Refrigerator Access	upon request for medicine

Group Meals	Daily breakfasts and 5 group dinners
Healthcare easily accessible	Always
Quality of Healthcare	Free, good quality healthcare
Center for Disease Control Recommendations: Be up to date with routine vaccinations. <a href="https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel">https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel</a>	