The German School
Summer 2016

It is a special privilege for us to welcome you to the 101st year of the Middlebury College German School! Since 1915, thousands of students, from beginners to MA and DML candidates, have joined dedicated faculty and staff in taking the Language Pledge, attending courses and cultural events that include lectures, films, plays, sports activities, and choral and cabaret performances set in the Green Mountains of Vermont. If you like a challenge, are willing to work hard, and if you enjoy some “serious” fun, then you have found the right place and program. On behalf of the Director, Bettina Matthias, and the German School faculty and staff, I am delighted to welcome you to this year's session of the Middlebury German School. We are confident that the intensive studies in our summer language program will prove to be personally and academically rewarding.

Accepted Students website
A variety of information to assist you in planning for your summer in Middlebury is available online, including parking, health services, and what to bring.

Arrivals (the Arrival Center is located in the Axinn Center)

7-week session, Levels 1-4: Friday, July 1, 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
6-week graduate (MA & DML) students: Tuesday, July 5, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Students can not be housed and room keys will not be issued before the scheduled arrival time and date, and no luggage sent in advance will be accepted for storage. If you arrive in Middlebury prior to your arrival date, you will need to find accommodations on your own.

Late Arrivals due to flight delays, etc.: If for some reason you arrive on campus after the Arrival Center has closed, you must check in with the Department of Public Safety, located at 125 South Main Street, to get your room key and student ID/dorm access card. The Department of Public Safety has staff on duty 24 hours a day. Please remember that permission to arrive late must be requested in writing and is granted by the Director of your School only when warranted by extraordinary circumstances.

The general business phone number for Public Safety is 802.443.5133. If you do arrive late due to travel snafus, please come to Pearsons Hall (where all German School offices are located).
right away (or the next day if you arrived at night) to complete check-in procedures with the German School.

Also, please **let us know of your delayed arrival** by calling & leaving a message on my office phone: 802.443.5203.

**End of Session and Departure**

**7-week program:** the last day of classes is Thursday, August 18. You may leave as soon as your last class has concluded and all course work has been handed in. As we have a final banquet and end-of-session party on the evening of Thursday, August 18, many students plan for a Friday departure.

**6-week program:** the last day of classes is Wednesday, August 17. You may leave as soon as your last class has concluded and all course work has been handed in. As we have a final banquet and end-of-session party on the evening of Thursday, August 18, many students plan for a Friday departure.

**Campus Information**

German School students, teachers, and bilingual support staff will live together in German-only campus dorms. Members of the German School community (students, faculty, and staff) will eat together at set meal times in the dining hall, because meal times and other informal gatherings, such as sport and social events, are critical opportunities for language practice and community building. While other Language Schools will be on campus and sharing facilities at the same time, all students are required by the Language Pledge to stay in their own language at all times. Language School students will have access to campus athletic facilities, library, campus laundry, and bookstore, as well as off-campus shops, businesses and restaurants in the town of Middlebury. A campus map is available online here.

**Health and Related Information & Forms**

- If you have special dietary needs, would like to request kosher meals or will be observing Ramadan, please complete a Dietary Request Form to alert dining services of allergies and food preferences, and submit it to germanschool@middlebury.edu.

- Please complete a Special Needs Identification Form for accessibility or accommodation requests.
Please review campus health center information and services available. Both physical and mental health counseling are available on campus during the summer.

Additional counseling and resources are available from the Anderson Freeman Resource Center.

Preparing for the challenges of a language immersion environment with available tips and information will greatly assist in your successful completion of the summer session.

International Students
If you are an international student, please visit the office of International Student and Scholar Services online for information about visas and related issues.

Language Pledge
All Language School students, including students in the German School, will commit to the focus of their chosen language of study for the duration of the summer session. The Pledge will enable you to concentrate on German without interruption and thus get the most out of your efforts, studies, and time. By staying in your target language, you will assist your peers in keeping to their language-learning commitment as well. Students in the German School will sign the Language Pledge at our Opening Ceremony on Sunday evening, July 3, following weekend student orientation, final placement testing, and a social gathering on Saturday evening, July 2, where students and faculty can meet informally and (still) converse in English.

Transportation
For information on how to get to Middlebury, Vermont, please see the information provided on the Middlebury College website: directions to campus, and airport-to-campus options. Shuttle bus service will be available from the Burlington, VT airport both on both arrival and departure days. Please watch the Accepted Students Information page for more details on this in the Spring.

Tuition
Your bill has been sent to you electronically. To access your tuition bill and make payments online, you will need your Middlebury ID number. Final payment of your tuition balance is due July 1.
Cancellation
If you decide that you will not be able to attend the German School, please notify me by email as soon as possible.

German School Activities and highlights for 2016:
All students are encouraged to participate in our co-curricular program, which will help you “live” the language and absorb it faster. We will offer several German films every week; a couple of evening lectures; our very own theater production and talent show (in either of which you will have a chance to employ your own talents, hidden or otherwise); and our weekly radio show. We will also have soccer and volleyball games, yoga, and (if there’s enough interest) a tennis tournament and ultimate frisbee. The Middlebury campus offers complete athletic facilities, including a fitness center, an indoor pool, a golf course, and jogging trail, so feel free to bring appropriate equipment for any sport you wish to do while here. There are also plenty of beautiful roads to bike, although most roads do not have shoulders!

Our artist in residence this summer will be Bodo Wartke (http://www.bodowartke.de/).

Our theater workshop is one of our co-curricular activities, culminating in the performance of a play at the end of the summer. The German School theater group, this year under direction of Ursula Keil, has been putting on wildly successful plays in the last summers. You only need to be interested in participating – no previous experience necessary - to sign up for the German School play!

If you play an instrument, feel free to bring it, as you may have an opportunity to be involved in our many musical activities in summer, including some aspects of our German for Singers program. If you play an instrument and are interested in getting involved, please contact the director of the German for Singers and Vocal Coaches program at: bmatthia@middlebury.edu.

The German for Singers Program will put on two not-to-be-missed performances, one on July 16 and a modified version of an opera, on August 12 & 13. German for Singers students: you will be performing two concerts during the summer on stage, so bring a set of clothes to perform in. Consult the welcome letter that Prof. Matthias sent out this spring, and contact her if you have any further questions (bmatthia@middlebury.edu).

You can also join the weekly discussion of philosophical or German-American political issues, contribute to the daily German School newspaper, challenge your professor to a tennis match or to a chess game, or simply meander around the town of Middlebury, which is within walking
distance from the college. The college library subscribes to a couple of daily German newspapers and weekly magazines, and you may also watch German satellite TV in one of the German School’s dorm lounges. No matter what your hobbies and interests are, we want you to participate!

**What to Bring to Campus**

See what is *provided in your dorm room* and what you need to bring.

We recommend bringing a fan (!), a laptop (if you have one), a portable CD player with earphones or an iPod, light weight/summer clothing, raincoat, swim suit, bug spray, warm sweater or warm fleece top, linens, towels, and a light weight blanket. (One blanket and one pillow will be provided per bed. See what is *provided in your dorm room* )

Attire at Middlebury tends to be casual, but there will be a couple of formal German School events (concerts, an All-Schools dance, and the final banquet) to which you might want to (but are not required to) wear something more formal. The weather in Vermont during the summer is usually warm and pleasant during the day, cooler in the evening, but there are generally about two weeks of uncomfortable, muggy heat and thunderstorms.

All of us at Middlebury have been working hard to make your arrival and first days go as smoothly as possible, but if you have questions before you leave for Vermont, please don’t hesitate to call or write by e-mail (cellison@middlebury.edu). I am confident that your summer at the German School will prove to be a rewarding and enriching experience.

I hope this information proves to be useful in planning for your summer and I look forward to welcoming you to the German School in July.

_Herzliche Grüße,_

_Tina_

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