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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Bregenz
Austria

Summer 2010

PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM



**Kentucky Institute
for International Studies**

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During the summer of 2010, the Kentucky Institute for International Studies will sponsor an environmental education program in Bregenz, Austria. The program has been developed for teachers, educators and persons interested in comparing the environment in which they live with Austria, Germany and Switzerland.

Lake Constance, the summits of the Swiss mountains, and the gentle rolling hills of Southern Germany provide the natural geographic borders for Bregenz. It lies just a few miles from the German and Swiss borders, which makes it an excellent place for exploring the historical, ecological and cultural aspects of Austria, Germany and Switzerland. Green space has been designed into the city plan, with walking paths through Bregenzer-wald, a wooded area that represents diversity in both plants and wildlife.

Bregenz provides the home base for the program because of its strategic location between Germany and Switzerland. It is a medium-sized town and is small enough to allow students to get to know the town and its people. Bregenz contains shops, churches, the Old City and natural areas, all in an inviting environment that encourages one to learn and explore.

The program will last 15 days. While in Bregenz, the Institute will sponsor numerous opportunities to visit important natural, cultural and historical sites in Austria, Germany and Switzerland. These excursions will provide participants with active, hands-on experiences to assist in assessment and comparisons of environmental education and the associated values, ethics and responsible human actions that are a part of these cultures.

Participants should be aware that they will be walking a great deal. The classroom building, most places where participants will be living, the program restaurant and shopping are within walking distance of each other, but participants should expect to walk several miles per day.

DATES
*Tentative dates for
the 2010 program:*
**July 6
to
July 21**

PROGRAM **Option 1: \$2,795**
(without air fare)
FEE **Option 2: see www.kiis.org**
(with airfare)



The program fee includes the cost of:

- Round-trip airfare to Europe (Option 2 only).
- Round-trip bus transportation to Bregenz, Austria (for those traveling on or meeting the group flight only).
- Room, breakfast and one additional meal, either lunch or dinner. (If a participant chooses to remain in Bregenz on the weekends, both room and meals will be provided; the Institute does not cover personal expenses for food and lodging when the participant is away from Bregenz).
- Organized excursions in Austria, Germany and Switzerland.
- Comprehensive medical insurance.
- Three credit hours. (Tuition waivers of any kind may not be applied to KIIS program fees).

The program fee does NOT include:

Round trip airfare to Europe (Option 1 only); Excursion to Munich; Spending money; Independent weekend travel expenses; One meal each day; Textbooks; Passport fees; Transportation to and from the U.S. airport of departure; \$150 Application Fee.

Accommodations

- Many participants will live in private homes, double occupancy, in and around Bregenz.
- Others may reside in small family-owned pensions.
- In all cases, breakfast will be provided at home.

Travel

- Participants will be given the opportunity to travel with the group to Munich on one weekend, and the opportunity to travel independently on another weekend.
- It is strongly recommended that participants purchase one of the popular guides to Europe (*Fodor's* is recommended) before departure.

Academic Program

- The program is designed primarily for graduate and professional participants. Interested undergraduates should contact the program director before applying.
- Participants will be required to attend all programs and events whether a person opts for credit or professional development.
- Participants will be required to attend an orientation, the details of which will be announced.
- Excursions and in-class activities will be in English. However, it would be a good idea to seek out a basic German language book since it is a way of showing a willingness to connect to persons in the countries visited.
- Participants will attend classes at the Studienzentrum, located in the center of the city which will also act as a place from which findings will be discussed at the conclusion of field trips. Classes will prepare participants for excursions.
- Credit will be awarded by Western Kentucky University and will be transferred to a student's home institution.

Course Offerings (3 credit hours each)

- **EDU 400** Investigations in Education: Environmental Education in Austria, Germany and Switzerland. BY PERMISSION ONLY.
- **EDU 595** Directed Study: Environmental Education in Austria, Germany and Switzerland.

Application deadline: **February 15th**

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