Dear Temple in Germany Applicants and Emergency Contacts,

I am writing to you with some unfortunate news regarding Temple’s Intensive German Language Program in Leipzig. As you may know, Germany’s borders remain closed to U.S. citizens, including foreign students (which is not the case with other countries in Europe) and Germany is in the midst of a very serious lockdown, which includes the closing of all schools, including institutions of higher learning. Due to the current lockdown and the unpredictability of travel restrictions being lifted, Temple’s on-site partner at the University of Leipzig’s Herder Institut (InterDaF), has reluctantly made the decision to cancel their summer 2021 in-person programming for international students. In light of these new updates, we are unable to offer your program in Germany this summer and must sadly suspend the in-person program for summer 2021. They plan on offering the language program in-person again in summer 2022.

We know this news is disappointing and we share your sadness and frustration about the loss of this learning opportunity. We have provided you with guidance on moving forward below.

Program Deposits

If you have already submitted a program deposit, as per our cancellation policy, the deposit will be refunded to your Temple account and will appear as a $200 credit to be applied to a future summer or fall semester balance. More information related to Refund Policies and Procedures can be referenced on our website.

Study Abroad Summer 2021

Other Temple Summer Programs

While we are no longer offering your program this summer, Education Abroad is still planning to offer a select number of summer programs, most of which are still accepting applications through Monday, February 15th. A variety of courses are offered on our overseas campus programs in Rome, Italy or Tokyo, Japan, or eligible students can pursue language programs in Paris, France or Oviedo, Spain. If you are interested in applying to any Temple summer program, please let me know immediately, so that I can open an application for you and transfer over most of your materials for you to simplify the application process. Depending upon the alternate program you select, you may need to complete additional requirements or submit an updated academic advisor recommendation before the deadline next week.

We hope, if you choose to, you will have the opportunity to study abroad through another Temple program, however, the uncertainty of the pandemic makes it difficult to predict at this time which programs will be offered this summer.

Temple Rome Summer Programs

We can, however, share that students are currently studying in Rome this semester, and borders remain open, which is promising in terms of the likelihood of summer programs proceeding in Rome.

If you are interested in applying for a program in Rome this summer, you may want to review the Temple Rome Summer 2021 Program Updates page to read a message that recently went out to Rome summer applicants so that you are as informed as possible on such a decision. Similar messaging is forthcoming for all other Temple Summer programs.
External Summer Programs in Germany
While Temple does not have an alternative program option in Germany this summer, we do have a number of approved external programs intending to offer programming in Germany this summer. While promising, it is important to note that these programs are facing the same operational challenges that InterDaF faced related to current lockdown and travel restrictions, and may also result in program cancellations in the coming weeks. Regardless, I have highlighted some programs so you can explore your options, and noted the program’s deadlines below:

- **CIEE Summer in Berlin** (Deadline: April 1)
- **IES Berlin Summer- Language and Culture** (Deadline: March 25)
- **USAC Lüneburg Summer Session** (Deadline: April 1)

If you are interested in pursuing one of these external programs, you must first submit Temple’s **Request to Study Abroad** by the deadline, which is **Monday, March 1st** before completing the external program application by the deadlines listed above. More information on the [external program process](#) and [application and eligibility requirements](#) has been linked for your reference. Of course if you are interested, I’d be happy to meet with you to discuss any of these options.

**Study Abroad in Future Terms**
Alternatively, if you would like to defer your study abroad experience to a future term for which we are currently accepting applications, please let us know and we can open that application for you and have a number of your application materials copied over for your new program application. Applications for all Temple, External and Exchange programs are currently open through spring 2022, and we anticipate opening applications for summer 2022 programs before the end of the fall 2021 semester. Once we open applications for next summer, we will reach out to you to complete a brief survey indicating your interest to have a number of your application materials copied over for summer 2022.

Again, we are so sorry to relay this news, which we also would like to note is being sent at the same time to whomever you indicated as emergency contacts in your application. We look forward to working with many of you on plans to study abroad on another summer program or in a future term, and we wish you and yours continued health and safety.

As always, please contact us with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
Melinda