Lafayette College Engineering Program in Germany
Jacobs University, Bremen
Spring 2017

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Program Resident Director: Professor David Brandes, Civil and Environmental Engineering

Program Dates (tentative, subject to minor changes): January 25- June 5, 2017

Program Prerequisites: In order to qualify academically, a CUM GPA of 2.80 or higher is required. Moreover, no students on Probation Level 2 can apply; students on Probation Level 1 may apply, but only if they will be off probation by the departure date.

Program fees: Students keep paying the same fees as if they were at Lafayette:

- Lafayette College tuition: $23,295 as of Dec. 2015 (tuition for academic year 2016-17 is not out yet)
  Financial aid DOES apply – you will have access to any fin. aid funds to which you would have access if you were on campus, with the exception of earnings from a work-study or Residential Adviser job.

- Lafayette College Room Fee: $4,305 as of Dec. 2015 (room fee for academic year 2016-17 is not out yet)
  You will be housed in a dorm on the campus of Jacobs University.

- Lafayette College Board Fee: $2,655 as of Dec. 2015 (board fee for academic year 2016-17 is not out yet)
  While on campus you will eat in the Jacobs dining halls. While traveling on official program excursions, your breakfast is included at all hotels, as is one group dinner; you may request a bag lunch from the dining halls on the day of departure for the excursions.

Included in your program fee:

- Tuition, Room and Board at Jacobs University

- Airfare: Lafayette College will pay for your airfare on a group flight between one of the NY area airports and Bremen at the beginning and the end of the term. Please note: once purchased, only very limited changes may be possible to a group ticket (and they may be subject to a change fee, which will be the student’s responsibility). Please notify the Office of International and Off-campus Education ASAP of any special travel needs.

- Multi-day excursions
  Included in your tuition is the cost of two international excursions that are part of the “German Politics and Culture” mandatory class. Possible destinations include St. Petersburg and Brussels. There will also be an included overnight excursion to Berlin and one to another German destination (possibly, Helgoland Island). Participation to these excursions is mandatory.

- Local transportation pass for the semester.

- Matching program with a host family (for week-end and other activities), optional.

- Two mandatory emergency medical insurances (one with a Lafayette-sponsored provider, Gallagher Koster, and the other one with a German insurer).
**NOT** included in your program fee:

- Transportation to/from your US home and the US airport
- Extra baggage fees (only 1 item of checked-in luggage is allowed free of charge for a max weight of 50 pounds)
- Passport fees (if any), Residency Permit fees (approx. $150) and/or German visa fees (for international students only)
- Books, supplies, etc.
- Some meals during overnight excursions.
- Additional course fees (e.g., for courses that might have additional mandatory trips, lab fees, museum fees, etc.)
- Overload courses (if any)
- Personal expenses

**Please note** that in order to get a visa to enter Russia, you will need to submit your passport to the International Office at Jacobs at some point during the program in order for it to be sent to the Russian Consulate. This means that you will NOT have your passport for personal travel for approximately one month during your stay in Bremen. We encourage you to integrate yourselves into the campus culture during this month – this is the time to forge lasting friendships and make yourselves a part of the community!

**Courses:**

You must take a minimum of 15 credits abroad. Courses at JUB include the typical required courses for spring semester of sophomore Engineering students (*Differential Equations, Circuit Analysis, etc.*), plus *German Politics and Culture* (mandatory for every student) and a wide variety of STEM electives as well as courses in the humanities/social sciences.

**Please note:** humanities/social sciences classes do not usually count as a full equivalent of a Lafayette course, but will transfer as 0.75 credits. Additional assignments may be given so as to transfer the class back as 1 full LC credit, and/or students might have to make up for some missing partial credit once they are back at Lafayette (e.g., by taking a 0.25 credit music or theater class, etc.)

We recommend taking a German language course as well (absolute beginner German is **NOT** available at Jacobs, but advanced beginner German is; we recommend to start taking a German course at Lafayette the fall semester before going to Jacobs), but students should be aware that language courses will be transferred back to Lafayette as 0.5 credits. Additional arrangements to supplement the language credits in various ways are possible.

**Internships** may be available for students who are willing to stay longer in Germany. Jacobs University does not offer an internship placement service, but can provide support to identify local companies to apply to.

**Application deadline and procedures:**

Applications will open in December and will be accepted until February. The application deadline for ALL faculty-led Engineering programs for academic year 2016-17 is **Friday, February 12th, 2016**. Applications will be collected via the study abroad portal that can be found at: goabroad.lafayette.edu.

The program is capped at 25 students. When applying, students will be asked to rank the three available Engineering options (SLU Madrid Fall, SLU Madrid spring, and JUB spring) in their order of preference, but the College cannot guarantee a spot on the program of each student’s **first** choice. However, the **College guarantees that every Engineering student wanting to study abroad will be offered a spot on one of the faculty-led programs. Please note:** it is your responsibility to apply for either Madrid or Bremen AFTER discussing these options with your academic advisers and having carefully evaluated which program is the best match for you academically and personally.

For further information, please contact Dr. Gisella Gisolo, Director of the Office of International and Off-campus Education, at gisolog@lafayette.edu.