

Student Monitoring and Experiential Learning Plan

Aloha, my name is Dr. Kristen Scholly, I am the Faculty Resident Director for the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (UHM) Summer Study Abroad Summer Program in Berlin, Germany. The summer program will provide you with an exciting opportunity to broaden your educational and personal experiences. The knowledge and skills you will gain through your study abroad experience will enrich your life.

As Faculty Resident Director, I’m here to help you make the most of your six weeks in Germany and I’m looking forward to this wonderful shared experience! In addition to our scheduled individual and group meeting, please do not hesitate to connect with me in-person, via email, or by phone if you need any type of help or support.

Through assignments and interactive discussions that have been designed in alignment with the Study Abroad Program student learning outcomes, over the course of your six weeks in Germany you will:

- (1) Demonstrate awareness of your own cultural values and biases and understand how these impact your ability to work with others;
- (2) Demonstrate knowledge of diversity with a focus on the population or topic of interest in your Study Abroad program;
- (3) Communicate appropriately and effectively with a diverse group of individuals;
- (4) Demonstrate an increased capacity to analyze issues with appreciation for disparate viewpoints.

Experiential Learning Plan

To help you make the most of your study abroad program, you will be required to reflect on your experiences during your stay in Germany. Self-reflection is a critical skill that will be utilized during your study abroad program as well as in future personal and professional endeavors. I will provide you with questions and prompts to help guide you through your self-reflection process.

Written Self-Reflections (60 points total)

Students are required to submit a total of **two written self-reflections (30 points each)**. The purpose of this assignment is to guide the development of your reflection skills on your experience in Germany. You will write responses to the reflection questions/prompts provided.

A typical written response should be *a minimum* of three computer generated, double-spaced pages in length with 1 inch margins. You should also include at least one *relevant* photograph or other visual *in addition* to the three typewritten pages. Written self-reflections are due on the 2nd

and 5th Fridays of the program. Please upload your self-reflections to Lulima in the Assignments box. I will provide you with written feedback within two working days. The rubric I will use to grade your self-reflections is on page 3. Points will be deducted for late submissions. Submissions received more than a week late will not be accepted.

1. Reflection assignment #1 (due on Friday of Week 2)

Now that you have lived in Germany for two weeks, describe an experience related to a public health issue or health practice that you encountered since you arrived two weeks ago. This could include something you saw as a bystander or an interaction you directly experienced that struck you as interesting and/or caught you by surprise. What was it about the experience that captured your attention? Was it different from what you would expect in your home country? How did you choose to respond?

2. Reflection #2 (due on Friday of Week 5)

Now that you have lived in Germany for five weeks, describe at least two things you learned about German culture you did not know before your arrival. How are these two issues similar or different from your own cultural experience or what you might experience in living in Hawaii? What does your new knowledge tell you about Germany and its people and how will this knowledge impact you when you return home? How will your study abroad experience influence your future academic and professional endeavors?

3. Group Meetings (20 points total)

We will have a whole group meeting during your first week in Germany. The purpose of the group meeting is to get acquainted with each other as well as to give us an opportunity to discuss the expectations and requirements outlined in this learning plan in more detail.

During the 5th week, we'll participate in a "This Is Public Health" interactive group activity out in the community. Afterwards we'll have dinner together in Berlin.

4. Individual Meeting with Resident Faculty Director (20 points total)

You are required to attend one individual meeting with me that will be held on the 3rd week of the program. We will work out a schedule and I will let you know the date/time/location of our meeting. The meeting will be approximately 30 minutes in length, longer if needed. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss perceptions and reflections of your ongoing experience, as a follow up to your written reflection submitted the prior week. This meeting will also allow me to check-in with you regarding your academic coursework and see if I can provide any assistance. Please let me know right away if you are unable to attend the meeting so we can reschedule. No points will be given for unexcused absences.

5. Individual Appointments as Needed

In addition to our face-to-face meeting, I will be available for individual

appointments, as needed. If you have, questions, concerns or are experiencing difficulty, please contact me (via email, phone, or in-person) right away.

Student Assessment

Written reflections and discussions will be evaluated using the rubric below:

Learning Outcomes	Unacceptable	Acceptable	Exemplary
Demonstrates awareness of own cultural values and biases and how these impact their ability to work with others 6 points	Student is: -unable/unwilling to demonstrate cultural awareness -unable/unwilling to identify personal biases -unable/unwilling to understand its impact on working with others	Student is able to: -demonstrate cultural awareness -identify biases - understand its impact on working with others	All criteria in Acceptable plus: -Student makes adjustments in behavior/attitude in an effort to improve working with others
Demonstrates knowledge of diversity with a focus on the population or topic of interest in your Study Abroad program 6 points	Student is: -unwilling/unable to describe basic aspects of German culture -unwilling/unable to accept basic aspects of German culture	Student is able to: -describe aspects of German culture through personal observation -accept aspects of German culture	All criteria in Acceptable plus: -student takes initiative to learn more about German culture to further learning
Communicates appropriately and effectively with diverse individuals and groups 6 points	Communication is: -unclear -inappropriate to the situation -disrespectful -does not contribute (or contributes negatively) to the discussion	Communication is: -clear - appropriate to the situation -respectful -positively adds to the discussion	All criteria in Acceptable plus: -thoughts are articulated well; insightful

Demonstrates an increased capacity to analyze issues with appreciation for disparate viewpoints 6 points	Student: -is unable/unwilling to analyze issues -is unable/unwilling to take into account different perspectives	Student is able to: -analyze issues at a basic level; -is able to take into account another perspective;	All criteria in Acceptable plus: -is able to take multiple perspectives into account;
Paper mechanics (written reflections only) 6 points	Written reflection: - is not within the specified page range -lacks detail -does not address the questions/prompts -is incomplete -is late	Written reflection: - is within 3-page limit; -provides adequate detail -addresses the questions/prompts	All criteria met in Acceptable plus: -provides a comprehensive narrative with rich detail

Grades will be based on the following scale:

100 – 90 total points = A
89 – 80 total points = B
79 – 70 total points = C
69 – 60 total points = D
59 total points and below = F

Summer Assignment Schedule

Date	Assignment	Location	Possible Points
Week 1	Initial Group Meeting	To Be Announced (TBA)	10 points
Week 2 (Friday)	Written Self-Reflection	Upload to Laulima	30 points
Week 3	Individual Meeting With FRD	TBA	20 points
Week 5 (Friday)	Written Self-Reflection	Upload to Laulima	30 points
Week 5	Group Meeting/Dinner	To Be Announced (TBA)	10 points

Total possible points: 100 points