

RYERSON UNIVERSITY
Department of Geography

GEO 773: Field Studies (Germany/Austria/Italy)

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This is a *professional elective course* offered to students in the 3rd and 4th year of the Geographic Analysis Program.

Students are required to use their Ryerson e-mail address. This address will be the only one used to communicate with you. It is your responsibility to check your Ryerson e-mail regularly.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The Germany/Austria/Italy field trip will take place from September 15 to 24, 2006. It is designed to expose students to a range of issues particular to these countries and regions.

Students are responsible for ensuring that they possess the necessary documentation for admission to Germany/Austria/Italy (i.e., Passport, Canadian birth certificate and photo identification, visa if necessary, etc.). If you have any questions about this, contact Christina Smith (Departmental Assistant) at 416-979-5038.

Space is at a premium, so baggage will be restricted to **one bag per person**. If you plan on taking photographic or other electronic or other equipment, you may want to register it with Canada Customs in order to avoid difficulties on your return.

Any medical problem should be pointed out to faculty **prior** to leaving Toronto. If you require prescription drugs, be sure they are kept in the original prescription bottle, or are accompanied by the prescription. You may need to ensure that you acquire Blue Cross or equivalent supplemental medical coverage for the period of the field trip.

Students are **required** to sign a **Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risks and Indemnity Agreement**.

Details of the nature of the course requirements will be provided in the first scheduled class.

COURSE EVALUATION:

In order to receive a passing grade for the course, students must: **1.** Meet acceptable standards in the required assignments; **2.** Participate in all scheduled activities on the field trip itinerary (a **10% total course grade reduction** will be administered for each scheduled event on the field trip where students fail to participate); and **3.** Meet professional standards of conduct. Students must adhere to the Student Code of Academic and Non-academic Conduct and other relevant University policies. You are responsible for reading the Code. Proper student conduct is crucial on a trip of this nature—any breach will be addressed by instituting disciplinary action.

NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, all work must be done **individually**. Late penalties on all required course material: **10% per day** (not accepted if more than **two (2) school days late unless a medical certificate is submitted or other acceptable arrangements have been made and confirmed in writing prior to the due date**).

No Faculty Course Survey will be administered for this course.
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In accordance with Ryerson University policy, students should be aware of the following:

- a) Grades on assignments, tests and exams, including final exams, may be posted by student identification number, sorted after at least the first two digits have been removed. Instructors must inform students in all course management documentation of the method to be used in the posting of grades. Students who wish not to have grades posted must inform the instructor in writing.
- b) The grades for this course (GEO 773) will be posted on the course website (<http://www.geography.ryerson.ca/wayne/Geo773-F2006/index.htm>) using the last 4 digits of your student number.
- c) Final course grades may not be posted or disclosed anywhere by an instructor. (*Policy 23 amended*)
- d) All course management policies can be found at <http://www.ryerson.ca/acadcouncil>.