

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.***

**No Faculty Course Survey will be administered for this course.**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** The Germany/Austria/Italy field trip will take place from September 16 to 25, 2011. 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 Sally Wong (Departmental Assistant) at 416-979-5038 or Wayne Forsythe ([forsythe\[at\]geography.ryerson.ca](mailto:forsythe[at]geography.ryerson.ca)).

Space is at a premium, so baggage will be restricted to **one bag per person** (the airline charges \$70.00 for a second bag). 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. Students must provide proof of out-of-country medical coverage (Blue Cross or equivalent supplemental medical coverage) for the period of the field trip (unless you already covered by a plan for foreign medical expenses) prior to departure..

Students are **required** to sign:

- 1) **a Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risks and Indemnity Agreement from the Department of Geography, Ryerson University, and**
- 2) **a Waiver Form from Ryerson University**

[http://www.ryerson.ca/cehsm/docs/RM/RU\\_RM\\_IntlTravel\\_StudentLiabilityWaiver\\_Feb2010.pdf](http://www.ryerson.ca/cehsm/docs/RM/RU_RM_IntlTravel_StudentLiabilityWaiver_Feb2010.pdf).

In addition, students are required to register with the Ryerson University, Office of International Affairs (OIA) at: [https://141.117.179.53/RyersonIMDB/IMDB\\_FieldTrip.aspx](https://141.117.179.53/RyersonIMDB/IMDB_FieldTrip.aspx)

## COURSE EVALUATION:

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| 1) Test (will be administered in class on September 14)<br>(multiple choice and fill in the blanks)   | = | 25% |
| 2) In-field observation and group classroom presentation<br>(15% In-field observation, 60% group classroom presentation)<br>(further details will be provided in the first Geo773 class on September 7) | = | 75% |

**All assignments must be handed directly to your instructor.**

In order to receive a passing grade for the course, students must:

1. Meet acceptable standards in the required assignments;
2. Participate in the scheduled activities on the field trip itinerary (**a 20% total course grade reduction** will be administered for each scheduled event on the field trip where students fail to participate; **a 10% total course grade reduction** will be administered for each scheduled event on the field trip where students are late; **a 10% total course grade reduction** will be administered for each instance where students are late for transportation departure times); 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 penalty on all required course material: **20% per day** (not accepted if more than **one (1) school day late unless a medical certificate is submitted or other acceptable arrangements have been made and confirmed in writing prior to the due date**). Exceptions re late penalty: medical grounds will be considered only for students who complete the Ryerson Medical Form which can be accessed at <http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/forms/medical.pdf>.

**IMPORTANT DATES:** The class will meet three times during the fall semester.

**All classes prior to departure – dates September 7 and 14:** mandatory attendance (**a 20% total course grade reduction** will be administered for non-attendance).

**The scheduled class on October 26:** mandatory attendance (**a 20% total course grade reduction** will be administered for non-attendance in addition to a grade of zero for the group presentation. All group presentations will occur during this class). The In-field observation assignment must also be handed-in at the beginning of class.

### **Make-Up Tests and Exams: (refer to Policy 145)**

Should a student miss a midterm test or final exam, make-up tests and/or exams will be arranged according to Ryerson University Course Management Policy (Policy 145)

Please refer to: <http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/policies/pol145.pdf>

- “Should a student miss a mid-term test or equivalent (e.g. studio or presentation), with appropriate documentation, a make-up will be scheduled as soon as possible in the same semester. Make-ups should cover the same material as the original assessment but need not be of an identical format”.
- “Only if it is not possible to schedule such a make-up may the weight of the missed work be placed on the final exam,

*or another single assessment. This may not cause that exam or assessment to be worth more than 70% of the student's final grade."*

- *"If a student misses a scheduled make-up test or exam, the grade may be distributed over other course assessments even if that makes the grade on the final exam worth more than 70% of the final grade in the course."*

**For information on academic integrity please see:**

<http://www.ryerson.ca/ai/students/studentcheating.html>