

## Study in Lutherstadt Wittenberg

*"If you want to study - go to Wittenberg ... ."*  
(from a 16<sup>th</sup> century ad)

Welcome to Wittenberg - the *small town* with the **big history** located in central Germany –in the cradle of the Reformation. The **ELCA Wittenberg Center e.V.** would like to offer you several reasons to come and to study in ‘Luther’s town’.

### STUDY PROGRAMS IN LUTHERSTADT WITTENBERG:

Student groups have come to Wittenberg for:

- Week long or semester break experiences
- January and May terms
- Fall semester and Winter semester
- Summer half-terms
- A short mid-week/weekend visit to enhance a program in another German city

Student groups, studying in Wittenberg, have also traveled on to other cities like Erfurt, Heidelberg or Berlin to use them as points of study and departure.



Preacher's Seminary Entrance

## Lutherstadt Wittenberg offers students...

### OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN IN THE CLASSROOM:

In Wittenberg, there are specialists and academics who deal intensively with Martin Luther and Reformation topics as well as other themes that arise from the various epochs of Wittenberg and German history. We work with US-based professors and course leaders to find and develop the appropriate local resources for course work. Here are just some of the topics for which we have provided lectures, workshops and presentations:

- Luther, Melancthon, and Bugenhagen
- Katharina von Bora and the Women of the Reformation
- Art in Wittenberg –highlighting Lucas Cranach
- Church Music
- Printing Press and Archives
- Wittenberg and Prussia
- Wittenberg and National Socialism
- Wittenberg and the GDR
- Wittenberg and the time after Reunification



Bugenhagen House

In the Old City of Wittenberg, there are buildings that offer historic settings and technologically equipped classrooms. Of course, in some cases the ‘classrooms’ will be the streets and places themselves where students are challenged with experiential learning.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM:

It might be as simple as wanting to volunteer or to engage in more extensive “service learning”. The Center has connected students with opportunities to assist the local churches and social ministry agencies. At a more formal level, we can work with our local German partners to provide internships. In addition to providing practical experience, the German internship allows a student to make contact with the local people and to experience daily German life. Students might work in retirement homes, hospitals or diaconal ministry settings, they might teach English in local Kindergartens and primary schools; they might work in one of the town’s chemical firms or with the Luther Memorial Foundation. We encourage questions and requests for other learning experiences that would be appropriate for your students



Learning in the Vo-Tech School

## OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN THROUGH TRAVEL:

In the middle of it all, Wittenberg is located in central Germany –the heart of German history. It is easy and fast to travel to well known destinations from Wittenberg -- by bike, train, car or bus –to visit UNESCO sites, historic venues, lively cities and beautiful naturescapes.

### A day trip to:

- Wörlitz – Garden Realm, 14 miles (wonderful bike trip!)
- Dessau – Bauhaus architecture, 22 miles
- Eisleben - Luther’s birth and death houses, 70 miles
- Torgau – Medieval City, 1st Protestant church building, 31 miles
- Leipzig – university, Thomas and Nikolai Churches, 62 miles
- Halle – Francke Foundations, Pietism, 50 miles
- Potsdam – Sansoucci palace, WW II – Potsdam Conference, 55 miles
- Berlin – the capital, museums of every kind, 69 miles



Palace in Wörlitz Park

### A day/overnight trip to:

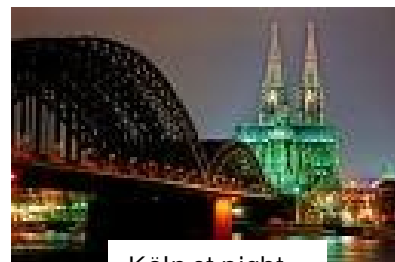


Erfurt – Cathedral Square

- Quedlinburg – Cathedral and half-timbered Old City, 99 miles
- Classical Weimar, Buchenwald, 120 miles
- Eisenach and Wartburg Castle, 163 miles
- Erfurt – Luther’s university, cathedral, Augustinian monastery, 130 miles
- Dresden – Baroque Pearl of August the Strong, 124 miles
- Baltic Sea with Schwerin, Rostock, Greifswald, 220 miles
- Görlitz, the new Germany with a bridge to Poland, 188 miles
- Wolfenbüttel – famous medieval library, 162 miles

### Long distance cities (to visit coming or going):

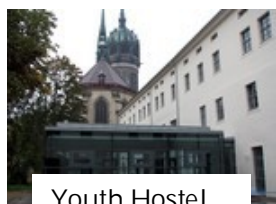
- Frankfurt am Main, 285 miles
- Hamburg, 223 miles
- Heidelberg, 332 miles
- Köln, 347 miles
- München, 310 miles
- Rothenburg ob der Tauber, 269 miles
- Schloss Neuschwanstein, 402 miles



Köln at night

# Life in Lutherstadt Wittenberg

## **Staying in Wittenberg** – In the day to day, there is much to learn.



Youth Hostel

Students have stayed:

- with guests families, arranged in coordination with the German Institute for German Language and Culture
- at the Wittenberg Youth Hostel
- in apartments in Wittenberg
- in Wittenberg with a combination of the above

## **Praying in Wittenberg** - Food for the soul.

One of the goals of the Wittenberg Center is to encourage people to explore their Christian heritage and to accompany them during their faith journeys. Here are some Center/Wittenberg offerings that can support those on spiritual journeys:

- Worship services in English or English translations of liturgies for German worship service
- Special worship opportunities
- Devotional booklets tailored for your group
- Opportunities to be involved in the congregational life of the Wittenberg churches
- Staff available for discussions and guidance
- Special lectures on faith and life in the German church today
- “A Pilgrim’s Guide through Wittenberg”



Corpus Christi Chapel

## **Playing in Wittenberg** – Yes, students can have fun, too!

Yes, we believe that overseas study can and should also be fun. Wittenberg offers many activities for students and professors. Besides annual highlights like the town festival “Luther’s wedding”, the Pottery Market, the Wittenberg Cultural Summer with unique concerts and theatre productions, the Renaissance Festival on Reformation Day and the Christmas Market, there are many possibilities for year-round engagement in culture, arts and entertainment:



Luther House

- Weekly organ recitals and frequent concerts featuring organ, instrumental and vocal music
- Students have sung in the Castle Church Choir
- Sports opportunities like soccer, basketball, aerobics, swimming, biking, fitness center, rowing
- Theatres in Wittenberg and Dessau
- Creative engagement through the historic printing shop, in the painting school of Lucas Cranach and the workshops of local artists
- Special and on-going exhibitions at local museums
- Modest evening/nighttime entertainment

### **THE ELCA WITTENBERG CENTER E.V. STAFF**

- Dr. Jean Godsall-Myers –25 years experience as German Professor and Overseas Study Coordinator
- Rev. Steve Godsall-Myers –24 years experience as Parish Pastor
- Frau Renate Skirl – native born Wittenberger, was Christian during the GDR times

We have been working in Wittenberg for almost 10 years, providing professors, students, congregational pilgrims with food for their intellectual, spiritual, cultural and historic journeys. We would be glad to connect you with faculty who have worked with the Center to create study programs.



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