



International Biz Squad Study Abroad Program 2025 Hessen Exchange

Eligibility and Application Information

PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY

Tentative Travel Dates: May 30-June 13 (Dates are subject to change based on airfare)

What is the Hessen Exchange?

Students will visit our sister school, Kaufmannische Schulen-Hanau in Germany. Students will participate in a joint international project with students from our partner institution, learn about business and manufacturing in Germany, specifically, the state of Hessen. Students will visit and learn about business apprenticeship programs in the region, as well as immerse themselves in the culture through stays with local German host families. Students will also get to visit Frankfurt and other historic places.

To be eligible to apply to this program you must:

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Have a program GPA of 2.5 or better
- Be able to provide two (2) recommendations from Gateway faculty members.
- Be available to interview in November
- Attend orientation in December
- Be in compliance with department and college policies
- Must have or be able to obtain a valid U.S. Passport by January 2025

Successful candidates will work well in a team environment, have the social maturity to represent the U.S. and Gateway abroad, and be able to meet deadlines.

If selected to participate you will be required to:

- Register for and successfully complete course, International Biz Squad
- Meet all deadlines including payment deadlines
- Participate in **MANDATORY** pre and post departure activities including **MANDATORY Orientations**
- Submit a signed Publicity Release Form
- Submit a completed Medical/Emergency Information form. We reserve the right to request additional health information from you and/or a statement from your health care provider verifying your health prior to departure
- Submit a copy of the front page of your passport
- Keep your student account current
- Meet program requirements and comply with any applicable rule, code of conduct, regulation, instruction or law during the program. Noncompliance may result in expulsion from the program, forfeiture of fees, and being immediately sent home at your expense.

How much will it cost? (estimate, subject to change) Airfare, most cultural excursions, transportation, host family accommodations (most meals included), and medical insurance	\$1800.00
International Biz Squad Course 3 credits	\$500.00
Total:	\$2300.00

Other costs to consider are passports and spending money.

Financial assistance for Program Fees

- New, first time Global Scholars will receive **\$750.00** in funds from Gateway.
- Previous Global Scholars will receive \$500.00 in funds from Gateway.
- If you are eligible for financial aid, you may use it to pay tuition for the required coursework.

Fee payment schedule

- **\$80.00** Application and processing fee → ONLY refundable if student drops from program prior the start of the semester of classes. NON-REFUNDABLE after the start of the semester of travel. (Paid after acceptance into program at Orientation November 2024).
- **\$100.00** Flight reservation fee → Used to reserve airline seats for participating students. Applied to the accounts of participating students, usually a month before travel. NOTE, THIS FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN THE PROGRAM OR NOT. (Paid after acceptance into program at Orientation November 2024).

Course tuition and program fees

- Paid to Gateway and subject to the same payment and refund policies as other Gateway courses. See your student handbook or Student Services Center for further information.
- Student accounts must be current prior to departure.

Participants who drop from the program will be held responsible for any unrecoverable fees incurred by Gateway Technical College.

TO APPLY:

- **Complete online application by October 31, 2024**
- **Request 2 online recommendations from Gateway Staff (you will need their email address, and let them know you are asking for a recommendation)**

Whom do I contact if I have questions? Chinedu Obowu at Obowuc@gtc.edu or 262-564-2505