

"There is a consensus today, much like the one about science and math studies after the launch of Sputnik 50 years ago, that **globally fluent graduates** are essential to American competitiveness."  
*The New York Times Education Life Supplement, November 4, 2007*

- BGSU's AYA in Austria has been graduating **globally fluent graduates** since it began in 1968. It is the first exchange program ever established by the Paris-Lodron University of Salzburg. It will celebrate its fortieth anniversary in 2008.
- The AYA in Salzburg offers direct **experiential education** opportunities in an **on-site learning community** that brings undergraduates together with BGSU faculty and graduate students, local Salzburg faculty, University of Salzburg students from Austria and around the globe, and the communities of Salzburg and Austria. Language skills open the door to learning about the history, cultures, arts, politics, and economics of Austria and Europe, and most importantly to becoming **sophisticated citizens of the world**.
- The AYA has attracted not only entering freshmen, but also talented transfer students from Miami University, Kent State University, Ohio Northern University, and other institutions who come to BGSU specifically for its education-abroad opportunities.
- The **Graduate Year Abroad** is **unique in the United States** in that it offers an entire class of master's students the opportunity to spend a year abroad, with the possibility of an **internship**. Because of its attractiveness, for years the program has produced **more M.A. recipients than any other terminal German Studies M.A. program in the country**.

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### The AYA Austria produces *Student Success*

- Participants in the AYA at the University of Salzburg are **employed** or have been employed by companies and agencies that include:

AAA Group Travel Services; AFS Cultural Programs; AG Communication Systems; American Express International, Moscow; Argo-Hytos; Autoelectric of America; Belgian Embassy, Berlin; CDS International; Chicago Symphony Orchestra; Council for International Exchange of Scholars; Department of Homeland Security; Deutsche Financial Services; Eastman Kodak; Embassy of the Republic of Korea, Vienna; Ernst & Young; Exxon Mobil; Ford Motor Co.; General Electric; Hershey Chocolate; Jones Day; Juniper Networks; Kirby Vacuum Cleaners; Loss Capture Consulting LLC; Lucent Technologies; Lund, International, Inc.; NCR; Ohio Transmission and Pump, Columbus; Owens-Corning; Parametric Technology Corporation; Public Library, Armonk, NY; Romanian Ministry for European Integration; Sabre Travel Network, Moscow; Schindler Elevator Corp; St. John's Jesuit High School (Advancement); Sterling National Bank, NY; The Peace Corps (China, Ukraine); The Toledo Blade; The United States Air Force; The United States Department of Defense; Toledo Museum of Art; UNFI Communications; Walker Polymer Systems; White and Case LLC, Moscow; Wurtec, Inc.; Wyeth Labs; York Capital Management, NY, NY; and many more.

- Participants in the AYA at the University of Salzburg have pursued **graduate studies** or continued their graduate studies at institutions that include:

Georgetown University; Indiana University; Johns Hopkins University; Louisiana State University; Middlebury College; Mozarteum Music University, Salzburg; Northwestern University School of Law; Ohio State University; Old Dominion University; Oxford University; Penn State University; Purdue University; Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law; the New School University; UC Hastings College of the Law; Université de Paris (Sorbonne); University of Arizona; University of Chicago; University of Cincinnati; University of Florida; University of Illinois at Chicago; University of Kansas; University of Massachusetts; University of Michigan; University of Minnesota; University of Nebraska; University of Notre Dame; University of Pennsylvania; University of Tennessee; University of Toledo College of Law; University of Toronto; University of Utah, Salt Lake City; University of Washington; Washington University; Webster University, Leiden, NL, and others.

- Participants in the AYA at the University of Salzburg are **employed** or have been employed as faculty or administrators at institutions of higher education that include:

Ashland University; Brethren Colleges Abroad; Brigham Young University; Central College, IA; College of Wooster; Franciscan University of Steubenville; Georgetown University; Hillsborough Community College; Hope College; Kenya Highlands Bible College; King's College; Lake Erie College; Pennsylvania State University-Mont Alto; University of Michigan; Lyon College; Frostburg State University; Wright State University; Loras College; Lourdes College; Loyola University; Milwaukee School of Engineering; University of Notre Dame; Ohio University; Portland University; Purdue University; Seattle University; Skidmore College; St. Xavier University; The Master's College; Thunderbird American Graduate School of International Management; University of Georgia; University of South Florida; University of Toledo; Webster University; Wofford College.

•Participants in the AYA at the University of Salzburg are **employed** or have been employed as faculty or administrators at schools that include:

Hilliard City School System; Salzburg Preparatory School; Cuyahoga Falls High School; Genoa High School; Sylvania Schools; Orange Unified School District; Lake High School, Uniontown, OH; Oak Hills High School; The American School, Montagnola, CH; Firestone High School, Akron, OH; Frisco HS, Frisco, TX; Maumee HS; Mountain View HS, Stafford, VA; Continental High School; St. Frances de Sales High School, Toledo, OH; Phoebus High School, Hampton City Schools, Hampton, VA; Toledo Public Schools; Richland, WA, Schools; Hicksville Exempted Village Schools; Naperville North HS, Naperville, IL; Big Walnut High School, Sunbury, OH; and many more.

The AYA in Salzburg is interlinked with many programs vital to BGSU's relations with Austria and Europe:

\***Faculty exchanges** in Political Science, Computer Science, Mathematics, and other fields. The culturally and linguistically fluent faculty of the AYA give **essential logistic support** to exchange professors and their families by arranging teaching opportunities, housing, schools, utilities, etc. We have also received a Fulbright grant to bring a Salzburg political scientist to teach here.

\***Student exchanges** with the University of Salzburg. Recruiting and support of 5-12 high-quality graduate and undergraduate students annually in Communications, American Culture Studies, Computer Science, Human Movement, Sport and Leisure Studies, English, Biology, Psychology, German, and other programs.

\***Fulbright German Language Teaching Assistant Program** (Austrian-American Educational Commission, Vienna), which has sent us one or two highly qualified Teaching Assistants from Austria each year since 1997. In exchange, each year several BGSU graduates assist Austrian teachers of English in the **U.S. English Language Teaching Assistantship Program** administered by the **Fulbright Commission**.

\***BGSU Computer Science FH Salzburg Exchange Program** with the Technical University in Salzburg.

\***Max Kade Foundation Writer-in-Residence Program**. Since 1986, distinguished writers and artists from Austria and Germany have enriched our program and our campus by offering seminars and readings. Their appearances at other institutions have **enhanced BGSU's reputation throughout the country**.

\***Multidisciplinary Master's Programs at BGSU**. In addition to the established Dual Masters Programs between **German and Political Science**, **German and History**, **German and Musicology**, and **German and Romance Languages**.

\***Alumni Support**. Alumni from the very first group to go to Salzburg (known as *Die Gruppe*, "The Group") have established a scholarship fund for the program. Our alumni tend to be loyal and keep in touch even decades after their life-altering stay in Salzburg.