

GEL 490I Geology of the European Alps & Surroundings- A Field Course -

PROCEDURAL OUTLINE & REGISTERING FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD COURSE

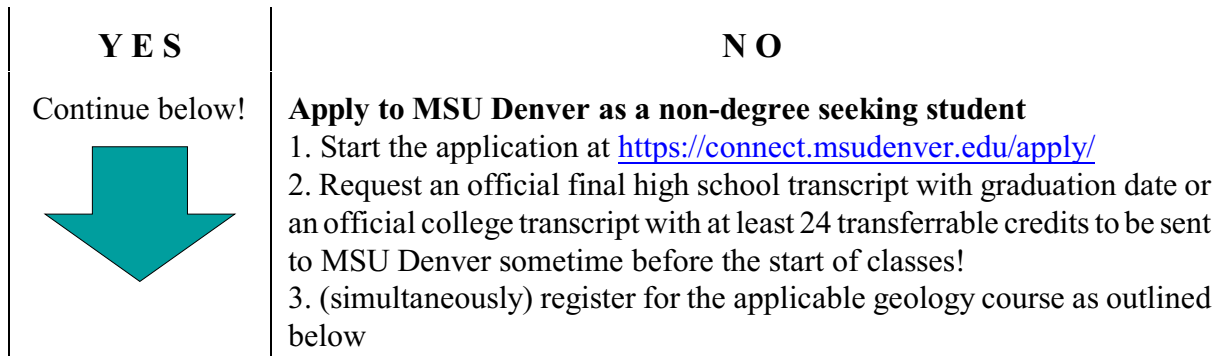
In order to sign up for this “once-in-a-lifetime” class, please follow the outlined steps:

STEP 1	Watch the ALPS TRIP video on YouTube . This will give you a feel and overview of the adventure that will await you.
STEP 2	Peruse the Alps Field Trip Website . Then download the complete “ Trip Packet ” and familiarize yourself with the trip. The Packet contains not only the Syllabus, but also cost estimates, dates & times, a detailed itinerary, deadlines, assessment overviews and much more. <i>Note: The Trip Packet will experience frequent updates. Check back often.</i>
STEP 3	Complete the INTENT TO REGISTER survey . This feedback is nonbinding, does not enroll you in the course nor will it commit you to any payment. However, it will put you in a database for preferred registration and course enrollment once the payment and registration for the course opens. You will be contacted! Note that this INTENT TO REGISTER survey sign-up will act as a first-come / first-served list once registration and payments begin in earnest. Those who respond to this survey first will get first dibs in making down-payments and registering for the course, thus ensuring their seat in this once-in-a-lifetime adventure.
STEP 4	START VERIFYING / COMPLETING TRAVEL DOCUMENTS Certain Travel Documents are essential for going on this trip. Some take time to process, therefore start now, long before the trip , to get everything in order. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> PASSPORT: Check you passport and see if it is valid beyond December 2023. If not, start the renewal process NOW!<input type="checkbox"/> HEALTH INSURANCE: Check with your health care provider and find out if you are covered outside of the country. If not, start researching (and enrolling if necessary) in overseas health insurance. The Medical Evacuation Rider is especially important. You will need to provide proof for registration and before we leave.<input type="checkbox"/> COVID VACCINATION: It is likely that Covid vaccination (and sometimes masking) may be required to enter our planned destinations. Complete all your vaccinations and boosters and bring an internationally accepted vaccination card. A list of which vaccines are permissible and who currently requires it can be found on the frequently updated COVID PASSPORT website.<input type="checkbox"/> INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT (IDP) (optional): If you are planning to drive a car in Europe, you will need an International Driving Permit or IDP. You can apply for one through the American Automobile Association (AAA) or through the American Automobile Touring Alliance (AATA).<input type="checkbox"/> INTERNATIONAL YOUTH HOSTEL CARD (optional): If you want to extend your stay, Youth Hostels are plentiful and inexpensive. To have access to these cheap lodging facilities you will need a International Youth Hostel membership for about \$30 annually. You can apply for the membership online at Hosteling International USA.

STEP 5 REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

Once registration and the trip fee payment account opens, make the fee down payment to officially start your registration and enroll in the course. Follow the flow chart below

**Are you a registered / enrolled
Metropolitan State University of Denver student?**



Make the Trip Fee down-payment of \$250 to lift any registration hold!

1. Go to the MSU Denver eMarket site: https://commerce.cashnet.com/MSUDenverEM_SA
2. From the menu, select the “Alps International Field Trip” & click on the “Link”
3. You may self select the amount. A \$250 down-payment is required for registration. The rest of the payment must be received by June 2nd. *For details about complete cost and payment schedule consult the section INTERNATIONAL TRIP COST & STUDENT'S FISCAL RESPONSIBILITIES in the “[Trip Packet](#)”.*
4. Complete the rest of the form with your contact information and payment option. Then click the “Add to basket” button and continue with your payment(s).

Note: Any Trip Fee overages will be reimbursed after conclusion of the trip!

Register for Course

-After Trip Fee down-payment, the departmental registration should be lifted (usually within 24 - 48 hours) -

1. Log in to the Student Hub to register for classes. <https://www.msudenver.edu/studenthub/>

Note: Maximum enrollment per course: 14 - Register early to ensure your enrollment!

If you have problems registering for the course, please contact our departmental advisor, Chivonne Torres (ctorrel13@msudenver.edu or 303- 605-5967)

Final Trip Payment

Complete payment NO later than June 1st or you will be dropped in favor of fully paid wait-listed students!

STEP 6 Start researching and purchasing a round trip flight to our starting destination, Nürnberg, Germany (NUE). The travel mode and time is not important as long as you are in Nürnberg by June 16 (Airport pick-up can be arranged).

Hint: The cheapest flight I found so far is to fly DEN to LHR (London Heathrow) ~\$750 RT and then continue with a local airline (e.g. discounter RyanAir) to NUE ~\$100 RT. Even less expensive opportunities can be found when you are flexible on departure and return dates (come earlier, stay longer), but then lodging will need to be added. For more adventures, RT train rides can be had for ~\$150 between London, GB and Nürnberg, DE.

STEP 7 APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIP / TRAVEL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES (optional)

While international opportunities can be costly, they also provide an experience that you are unlikely to ever forget. Besides, you can add “international experience” in your profession and education to your resume highlights. However, you may quickly find that international field trips with Dr. Kackstaetter are much more affordable than equivalent educational experiences at other institutions. **Feel free to compare!**

There are a few undergraduate grant and scholarship opportunities for these occasions which will help to mitigate some of the fiscal strain for students interested in pursuing international endeavors. Some of these are individual, some are discipline based, while others are best for a whole group. Nevertheless, to be considered many require that you are already enrolled or that you intent to enroll in an international experience.

There are a few organizations that offer Undergraduate Study Abroad scholarships. You may do your own research, but here is a sampling of study abroad scholarship providers:

- [Tortuga Study Abroad Scholarship](#) \$1,000
 - [U.S. State Department Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program](#) \$100-\$5,000
 - [FUND FOR EDUCATION ABROAD Fund for Education Award](#) \$1,000-\$5,000
 - [DIVERSITY ABROAD Diversity Abroad Overseas Ambassador Program](#) \$500
 - [The Rotary Foundation International Scholarships & Grants](#) (groups?) up to \$25,000
 - [The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grants](#) \$1,000
- Other opportunities can be researched at [U.S.DEPARTMENT OF STATE USA Study Abroad programs](#).
- [MSU Denver Crowdfunding for Groups](#) per group up to \$2,500

Do your own research for additional funding possibilities. Share with others in the course!

Don't forget that Federal tuition assistance (grants, loans, workstudy) may still apply to cover the tuition part of the course.

STEP 8 Complete the [INTERNATIONAL LIABILITY WAIVER](#) and submit on the CANVAS course platform (once available) BEFORE the trip.