Muskingum College  
Modern Language Department  

SENIOR SEMINAR  
RESEARCH  
PRESENTATION  
in GERMAN  

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Senior Seminar Research  
All Muskingum language majors complete a senior seminar capstone research project in which they apply skills they have gained through classes and study abroad to a problem or question they have chosen to investigate. They use the critical theory and research tools of their discipline to conduct research. German Senior Seminar students make a bilingual public presentation of their findings in addition to submitting a research paper, written in German.

The German Senior Seminar was taught by Dr. Franz-Joseph Wehage, Professor of German.
Military Breakdown: Film Representation of the Final Years of the Second World War

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In regard to the interpretation of German history during the Second World War, initially many people refrained from concentrating on the immediate past and looked on to restructuring their nation. Since this time of national uncertainty and reluctance to face the past, German filmmakers have broached the subject of the Second World War through their creation of films that chronicle the stories of the people and events that comprise the period. My presentation focuses on two of these films, Bernd Eichinger’s recent Film Der Untergang and Joseph Vilsmaier’s film Stalingrad and outlines their contributions to cinematic portrayal of the last years of the Second World War

An Academic Year in Passau

Passau University
2004-2005

Like many other students, when I first came to Muskingum I was simply interested in completing a four-year degree. After taking my first German language course I realized that I couldn't give up the language and that I had to somehow further incorporate German into my studies. Since that point of uncertainty I have declared majors in International Affairs and German, and spent my junior year studying abroad in Passau, Germany. When people say the time they spent studying abroad was the most fulfilling experience they’ve ever had, it's not a lie. I can honestly say that I loved every minute of living in Germany and experiencing a culture different than my own. I met so many amazing people and experienced more than what can be described in words. My language skills also improved immensely, and now I find that I have little trouble understanding German. Anyone interested in pursuing studies in German should definitely take advantage of the opportunities offered at Muskingum.