

Organizational Behavior in Innsbruck FAQ

Have a dream to include study abroad as part of your undergraduate collegiate experience? Consider taking Organizational Behavior, BMGT 2503, in Innsbruck, Austria in the spring 2023 semester, from May 21 through May 26. This is a required course in the Stillman core and taking this in Austria can be the perfect way to continue on your degree path while also giving you a fantastic opportunity to study abroad. Here is a roster of Frequently Asked Questions that you may find helpful as you think about this wonderful learning opportunity. These FAQs are divided into questions about the course itself and then questions about logistics for the trip.

Questions about the Course Itself.

Q. Where will this course be held?

A. BMGT 2503 AU will be held at the Management Center Innsbruck (MCI), located in Innsbruck, Austria. MCI is an AACSB-accredited business university. <https://www.mci.edu/en/>

Q. If I take this course this spring, does it fulfill the Stillman core requirement for BMGT 2503?

A. Yes. This course does fulfill the Stillman core requirement for BMGT 2503.

Q. What are the pre-requisites for this course?

A. Students must have already taken BMGT 2501 and have completed 60 credits. The 60 credits can include coursework that is being taken in the spring 2023 semester and concludes before May 22.

Q. What is the course schedule?

A. Students will gather with Prof. Boroff in Innsbruck the late afternoon of May 21 to settle in. Then, classes begin on May 22 and run through May 26. The final paper is due on May 27 at 9 am. The class runs from 9 am until 4:45, with an hour for lunch. There are also pre-and-post trip sessions, described below. Given the timing of this course, students can still arrange other important summer employment back in the United States once the course concludes.

Q. What are the course requirements?

A. Students will complete three reflective memos linking course concepts with application exercises. These are individual work products but are “open book.” Students will individually complete a computer simulation as the final examination. Class participation will also be evaluated, and students will be engaged in several learning exercises. If students wish to see a draft of the course syllabus, feel free to email Prof. Boroff at karen.boroff@shu.edu.

Q. Who else is in the course?

A. Besides Seton Hall students, students who are regularly enrolled at MCI will be in the course, as well as other students studying at institutions within the European Union who decide to take this course at MCI. In order for Seton Hall to offer this course, a minimum of 12 students have to enroll.

Q. What are the pre-trip session and post-trip session?

A. In the February / March/April time period, Prof. Boroff will conduct class sessions, most likely in a hybrid mode. She will present material about the Austrian culture and history and seek students' input on the same. As departure dates near, she will go over logistics, travel plans, emergency paperwork, safety and health guidelines, University regulations, and the like. Course requirements will also be discussed. In the June time period, after the course concludes, Prof. Boroff will organize a debriefing session for students, exploring, in part, the alignment of learning objectives and actual course outcomes. As noted, both of these sessions may be conducted virtually, and especially the post-class one since students may not be on campus or may be otherwise engaged in internships or other forms of employment.

Questions about Logistics for the Trip.

Q. What is the tuition for the course?

A. This is considered a spring semester May embedded course. The tuition is under the umbrella of the undergraduate "flat tuition" 18-credit policy.

Q. When must I register for this course?

A. Students register for this course this fall, as they would register for all coursework to be taken in the spring 2023 semester.

Q. How is travel to Innsbruck arranged?

A. Students have to arrange their own air fare. Since departing locations vary, and students have frequent flyer miles, and more, it is difficult to provide air flight rates. Some students prefer to fly economy and use no-frills airlines. Others want more and have more flexibility to arrange their flights during off peak times. Typically, though, travelers will fly into Frankfurt, Germany, or Vienna, Austria, and then take a short flight to Innsbruck, tucked in the Alps. It is a gorgeous flight. Students will have to arrange their flights so that they can attend the May 21 late-afternoon gathering session with Prof. Boroff. Come a day or two earlier and take the Nordkette Cable Car ride from downtown Innsbruck to mountain peaks! Take a 10-minute train ride to the town of Hall and visit the museum where "thalers" were minted; the word "thaler" morphed to our word, "dollar."

Q. What are the lodging arrangements and how much are the costs of lodging?

A. MCI has a roster of potential lodging options and their prices, in Euros, are listed below. These rates are changing, given exchange rates and more. Students can decide to room by themselves or with others. When the class has its pre-session in March/April 2023, lodging has to be finalized with Prof. Boroff. Here are rates from 2022, to give you a sense of lodging options. Seton Hall students who traveled in May 2022 also found Airbnb sites.

- Hostel Marmota (<https://www.hostelmarmota.com/>) – 73.60/night (single room) , 110.30/night (double room), 55.60/night (bed in 6 bed dorm room) (also triple and quadruple rooms available); distance to MCI main building: 35 min walking / 20 min by public transport
- Youth Hostel Innsbruck (<https://www.youth-hostel-innsbruck.at/en/rooms-prices/>) – 45.50/night (single room), 35.50/night (bed in double room) (also 4- and 6-bed rooms available); distance to MCI main building: 31 min walking / 20 min by public transport

- Nepomuk's Hostel (<https://www.nepomuks.at/hostel-prices.html>) - 29.00/night (bed in a double room), 24.00/night (bed in a 6 bed dorm room); located in the middle of the old town; distance to MCI main building: 7 min walking
- Montagu Hostel (<http://www.montagu-hostel.com/>) – it says on their website that prices start from 33.00/night; I am not sure of the availability in May/June though as I could not select the dates on their booking tool; however it says on any date in 2022 “no availability” so they might open the booking in the future; distance to MCI main building: 9 min walking
- Binder S Budget City Mountain Hotel (<https://www.binders.at/en/kontakt/buchen/#room>) – 60.00/night (single room) , 47.00/night (double room) (3 and 4 bed rooms also available); distance to MCI main building: 22 min walking; 15 min by public transport

Q. If someone else wants to come, either from another college within Seton Hall or from other institutions, can this be accommodated?

A. Students in other colleges at Seton Hall can register and take this course, provided they meet the course pre-requisites. Most likely, this course would count as a general elective for those students, but those students should speak directly with their advisor to confirm. Likewise, students from other institutions can take this course as a visiting Seton Hall student. These students must meet the equivalent course pre-requisites, which were earned at other institutions. For non-Seton Hall students, tuition and fee policies for visiting students are applicable.

Q. If a student has already taken BMGT 2503 but would like to go to Innsbruck, are there any options for that person?

A. Students should reach out to Prof. Boroff to investigate possible independent study options.

Q. Can a graduate student take this course?

A. Graduate students should reach out to Prof. Boroff to inquire about this. Students should also speak with their faculty advisor about their interest, as well, to determine if an independent study course would fit in the graduate degree completion path. Tuition and fees for graduate students apply.

Q. How do meals work?

A. Students are on their own for all meals. MCI suggests that students budget 15 Euros per meal, but there are ways to economize. There are nearby grocery and convenience stores where students can purchase fruits, cheese, bread, snacks, and more. There are many pizzerias!

Q. What if I want to stay in Europe after the course is over?

A. Students can arrive early to Innsbruck before the start of the class to travel or continue to travel abroad after the course concludes. Both before and after course travel are not under the auspices of Seton Hall University. Travel to nearby cities of Salzburg, Austria (where *The Sound of Music* was filmed and is the birthplace of Mozart) and Vienna, Austria can easily be done, from the train and bus stations in Innsbruck. Students can enjoy longer train rides to Venice, Italy. Travel to Munich, Germany, is also easy. The Innsbruck airport can also be a springboard for travel.

Q. After class each day, are students on their own?

A. Yes, just as they are on their own after classes here at Seton Hall University. Students are responsible for completing assignments due the next day. Nonetheless, Prof. Boroff will be available 24 hours daily during the class week, for any student concern.

Q. If I wish to attend Mass, where might I go?

A. Prof. Boroff has attended the 6 pm Mass in English at the Jesuit Church steps away from MCI. The chapel is in the crypt of that Church. <https://jesuitenkirche-innsbruck.at/at/international/english.php>
She has also attended Mass at the Hospital Church of the Holy Spirit.
<https://www.innsbruck.info/en/sightseeing/sightseeing/churches-and-monasteries/detail/infrastruktur/hospital-church-of-the-holy-spirit-innsbruck.html> Mass was in German but easy enough to follow.

Q. Must one be able to speak German to attend class or otherwise be able to “get around” in Innsbruck?

A. BMGT 2503 AU will be conducted in English. Prof. Boroff humbly admits that she does not speak German and is further humbled by so many Europeans who have facility with English. One is able to navigate museums, shops, restaurants and more, even if one only speaks English. Innsbruck has been home to two Olympics and is a gorgeous winter and summer tourist destination. The city is welcoming to all. Prof. Boroff can put you in touch with Stillman students who have traveled to Innsbruck last May, so that you can get a sense from your fellow students how easy it is to get around in Innsbruck and beyond.

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