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Trips to Germany, Near East
offered this summer by WLU

A different kind of break is offered the public by Wilfrid Laurier University this summer-- an opportunity to combine overseas travel with study for a university degree.

There will be an archaeological field trip to the Near East, and German literature and geography courses offered in Germany. There is still room for more participants in the courses offered in both locations.

Participants would be expected to undertake some background reading and pre-trip orientation or seminars, and must be registered with the university.

The trip to Germany leaves June 6 and returns June 27 after students have visited Dusseldorf, Cologne, Bonn, Trier, Munich, Berlin and Marburg.

Dr. Alfred Hecht, a Laurier geographer, will teach two half-credit courses. The first will focus on the German city, comparing the healthiness of various large centres and smaller cities. The second, on Western Europe, will focus on the West German landscape, with an emphasis on understanding regional variations and their relation to the broader European Common Market, of which they are a part.

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Dr. Herminio Schmidt, also a Laurier faculty member, will teach a course on German languages and civilization, lecturing in English. The course will look at major cultural trends and movements from prehistoric times to the present. Students will do their study in an approved area of their choice.

Egypt and Turkey will be the sites for the archaeology session, July 1 to Aug. 4. The instructor will be Dr. Robert Fisher, a Laurier religion and culture professor, conducting his 10th Near Eastern field seminar.

"The world of these ancient civilizations becomes our classroom," Fisher said. "We will see Ephesus, one of the great cities of ancient Asia Minor, which the Turkish government is rebuilding on an unbelievable scale."

Students will also visit Abu Simbel, where modern technology lifted the ancient temple of Ramses II to higher ground to save it from the rising Nile waters. Ancient Troy will be the third site visited.

The approximate cost for the German seminar, including air and ground transportation, tuition, lodging, breakfasts, and most dinners and lunches, and tips, is about \$3,000. The Near East field seminar will cost about \$3,200, including everything but tuition.