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MBA Students to Study Abroad in Germany



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Students from the Summer 2015 Education Abroad trip to Germany during a USFSP hosted welcome dinner.

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In its third consecutive year, the Germany study abroad program springboards off Dr. Merchant's Globalization and Company Growth course, which explores some ways in which firms respond to the opportunities and challenges created by globalization. As part of the program, students will participate in the Summer Institute at [German Graduate School of Management and Law \[https://www.ggs.de/\]](https://www.ggs.de/), a USFSP partner institution.

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