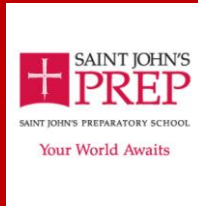


**Memories that
last a lifetime**



Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live within a different culture?

Now students of the Stiftsgymnasium Melk have the chance to find out for themselves. The Stiftsgymnasium Melk has a 51-year student exchange program with Saint John's Prep (SJP). Through this program students have a chance to live in Minnesota, USA for one semester.

Saint John's Preparatory School is located in central Minnesota on the beautiful Saint John's University campus. Students will live in the dormitories that SJP provides. Saint John's also provides its own busing service for transportation into the surrounding towns.

Before you leave

Before leaving for America, students that are interested in going will have meetings the year prior to when they leave. In these meetings, you will discuss the differences between Austria and America along with what to expect while you are over there and how you can prepare for it.

Costs

The costs for participating in the program are currently \$8.880.- (costs for flights excluded).

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SAINT JOHN'S PREP EXCHANGE PROGRAM



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History of the Program

The SJP-Melk Exchange program began 50 years ago in 1966. Originally, SJP was an all boys school and only boys were allowed to take part in the program. However, once SJP allowed girls into the school, the program did as well. Groups of twenty students used to travel overseas to study abroad but now the average is around 7-9 students.



Traveling Opportunities

While at SJP, there will be some opportunities to travel around Minnesota and the US. Some of these trips will cost extra but some of them are included in the tuition price. Students will have a chance to go to the Mall of America in Minneapolis, Minnesota. They will also get a chance to go to Valley Fair, an amusement park also located in Minnesota. Because the students will be staying in the dormitories, they will also have the chance to visit another state during the holidays with other dormers.

The Education System

The education system in America is slightly different from the one in Austria. Instead of students having a different class schedule each day of the week, they will have the same classes every day. The classes include: Spanish or Chinese, Data Science, Theology, U.S. History, Physics or Chemistry, Art, and English.

The school day starts at 8am and goes until 3:30pm. After school, students have the opportunity to join a sport or one of the many clubs Prep offers.

SJP's Mission

As a Catholic school in the Benedictine tradition, we prepare students for success in higher education and for a lifetime of learning, service and leadership in a global society.



What is required of students

There are some requirements to be able to go to Minnesota to study abroad. One is that the students going must have very good marks in school and their teachers believe they will be able to keep good grades while in America.

The other thing is that students that go must go while they are in the sixth form. While in America, they will be in the 10th grade, which is equivalent to the sixth form.



Going to America to study was one of the best decisions of my life. I made so many new friends, not only from America. I learned a lot about new cultures and traditions. I also improved my English a lot and made many new memories that will last a lifetime.

Charlotte, Class of 2018