



My internship with the treasury department of the City of Frankfurt **Nicholas Crain**

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During my sophomore year of college I realized that the number of courses I would have to take during my junior and seniors years would not allow for me to participate in a study abroad program in Germany. As a German major, I started looking for a new way to be able to study or work in the country, and happened across the **USA-Interns program**.

Being able to come to Germany for a summer and live in the City of Frankfurt has been an incredible experience for me in more ways than one. Not only have my language skills improved remarkably, but I also learned a great deal about German municipal government and city treasury. As Frankfurt is such an international city, there was never any lack of interesting or fun activities to participate in.

From spending weekends on the *Museumsufer*, to enjoying lunch in front of the *Römer*, Frankfurt's international presence helped me feel immediately welcomed and comfortable here.



Nicholas Crain on the Museumsufer with view to the river Main and the city of Frankfurt

a valuable understanding of how such an important global financial center works. My coworkers were always more than willing to explain in detail what they did, and many took the time to personally walk me around the city to point out areas that many tourists would have missed.

Because of the amazing transportation hub that Frankfurt is, I also managed to travel quite often on the weekends, making *trips out to Heidelberg and Berlin*. Being so centrally located in Germany, as well as Europe, was a great way to meet people traveling the country, as well as the continent. I know I met many good friends while staying in hostels that shared their travel stories, and have kept in touch with me during their travels!



Frankfurt City, view to the Paulskirche, the first German parliament where Carl Schurz was one of its members in 1848

In the Background the Commerzbank Tower

I'll always remember this summer for helping me to really understand what it's like to integrate into a new culture and live in a foreign country. I'm extremely thankful for the opportunity that the *USA-Interns Program* provides, as well as the valuable job experience I can carry with me into the future. I'm definitely looking forward to making a trip back!



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My internship with the city *Stadtkämmerei* (treasury) consisted mostly of exploring the different divisions responsible for the financial management of Frankfurt. From subsidiary management to tax, it was interesting to see how each department specialized in a certain area of work, and how these different parts all fit together to perform as a whole. Though the timeframe of my internship was relatively brief, I believe I still gained

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