

## The German House

### GERMAN HOUSE APPLICATION FOR 2011-2012

#### General Information for Applicants:

(Detach this information sheet before returning).

#### Important Information

**Contact Person:** Doris Pfaffinger, Olin 317 ([doris.pfaffinger@tufts.edu](mailto:doris.pfaffinger@tufts.edu))

(tel. X 7-2621) Office hours: Mon, 12:00-1:00, Thurs, 12:00-1:00 & by appointment

**Recruitment Weeks:** January 18 – February 4

**Application Deadline:** Friday, Feb. 4, 12:00 p.m. (*Put p. 2-3 under door of Olin 317*)

**Interview and Selection Process:** Feb. 7-11

**Notification Dates:** Feb. 13-15



#### Mission Statement

The German House serves as a group living arrangement for students with demonstrated interest in the language and cultural history of Germany and German speaking countries. Students living in the house host *Filmabend* and *Kaffeestunde*; and are expected to actively participate in these events as well as any other events sponsored. An important purpose of the House is to bring German culture to the Tufts campus through events planned by residents of the House. Preference is given to students who study or speak German, but language knowledge is not an absolute prerequisite.

#### House Accommodations

The House is conveniently located at 21 Whitfield Road, in the center of the Tufts campus. It is a three story house, accommodating seven students in single rooms. A living room, and a large kitchen are on the first floor. There is a front porch, yard, and laundry facilities in the basement. Custodial services are provided.

#### Participation in House Activities

As a Small-Group Housing Unit, the German House is required by the University to organize certain events each semester. These must include social and educational events, and a community outreach activity. At the German House, these requirements have been met through cultural dinners, film presentations, lectures and concerts, parties, tutoring and volunteer work. Often events are sponsored jointly with other Tufts organizations. **Residents of the House are expected to help plan and organize events sponsored by the House. The input of all House members is necessary to make events successful.**

#### House Management

The House Manager is selected by the German Program and is responsible for various administrative functions and for implementing programming. In this capacity, the Manager serves as the contact person for the House Advisor (a faculty member from the German Program) and Residential Life. Residents must be willing to assist the Manager in fulfilling these obligations.

If you are interested, please detach this information sheet, and submit the attached application (Be sure to fill out both sides.)

### German House Application (2011-2012)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( M / F ) College/Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Tufts Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tufts Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone and e-mail for contacting you: \_\_\_\_\_

Students may apply to live in the German House if they meet these requirements:

- 1) Have demonstrated an active interest in German culture through academic course work, as well as volunteer work, or life experience. Preference is given to students whose majors touch upon the cultural space of Germany and/or German Speaking Countries, and who currently study or speak German.
- 2) Are willing to take time out of their schedules to fulfill their obligations as full partners in the House, by participating in and helping to plan House events. Keep in mind that events may be held during the week or on a weekend.
- 3) Please note that University wide policies apply to the Small Group Houses- i.e. balance of men and women, etc. and issues of seniority do apply.

Please answer the following questions briefly but fully:

1. What is your major (or intended major)? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you plan to be away either semester next year? Yes / No. Which semester? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is your specific background in German studies- major or minor, language study, course work in culture, history, art etc.?

4. What are your expectations for living in the House, and how would you contribute to activities and programming **at the House**?

5. What ideas do you have for reaching out to the **larger Tufts community**?

6. What activities do you currently participate in on campus (not necessarily related to the House)?

Please sign: If accepted I agree to participate in House activities and make a contribution toward the goals of the House as outlined in the Mission Statement.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please return completed applications to Doris Pfaffinger, Olin 317 no later than Friday, Feb. 4, 2011.  
(Place application in an envelope and place under the office door.)**