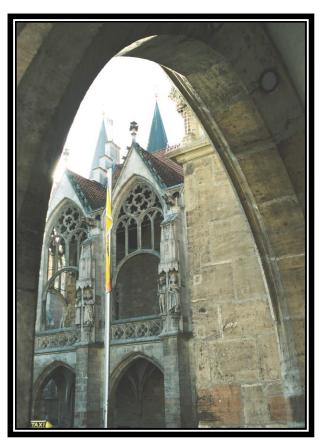
## The Technical University of Braunschweig Braunschweig, Germany



Old City Hall

**The city:** Braunschweig is a city of approximately 240,000 inhabitants, located in central Germany and situated near such attractions as the Harz Mountains, the larger city of Hannover, and the production facilities of such well-known companies as Volkswagen and Jägermeister. In addition, Germany 's largest city and capital, Berlin, is a mere 2 hours away by car or train. Braunschweig itself has a great deal to offer: it is, among other things, the site of a world-class university, a cathedral and a great deal of architecture that dates from the early Middle Ages. In addition, the city boasts a lively, interesting and varied center which invites visitors to explore. The Five Islands of Tradition and other attractions serve as a charming and picturesque backdrop to a large pedestrian area connected by streets, lanes, alleys and arcades, featuring numerous specialty stores, boutiques and department stores. The outlying areas are just as varied as the city, creating a fertile symbiosis that is unparalleled in Germany.

Mysterious legends are all that remain of the beginnings of the City of Braunschweig. Braunschweig probably developed from a supply and resting station set up by traveling merchants over 1000 years ago. Lying on the

banks of the Oker River, Braunschweig was accessible by way of other rivers that crisscross Germany such as the Aller and the Weser that leads to Bremen, which in turn leads to the sea. The favorable location of the market settlement led Henry the Lion to choose Braunschweig as his place of residence in the middle of the 12th century. This marked Braunschweig's development into a large medieval city. The cathedral (*Dom*, in German), castle (*Burg*) and the statue of the lion – foundational landmarks of the city – attest to the economic and cultural importance of the city that continues to this day.

**The university:** The Technical University of Braunschweig (TU-B) is the oldest university of technology in Germany. Founded in 1745 as Collegium Carolinum, TU-B is a member of the TU9, an incorporated group of the largest and most prestigious German Institutes of Technology. Today the university has approximately 13,000 students, making it the third largest university in the state of Lower Saxony. Current research projects include micro air vehicles, hybrid engines, and digital video broadcasting.

**Programs available to UTM students:** The Language Center (*Sprachenzentrum*) at TU-B offers intensive 3- and 6-week summer courses in German language and culture for students at all levels. UTM students receive full credit for courses completed at the *Sprachenzentrum*. Learning German alongside students from each major continent contributes to the cosmopolitan atmosphere at the Center. Finally, the Center offers weekend excursions to the cities of Berlin and Hamburg (among others) that are as educational and informative as they are fascinating and entertaining! For more information on studying at Braunschweig, please contact Dr. Chuck Hammond, Assistant Professor of German, 427D Humanities, ext. 7423 [ hammond@utm.edu ] or the Center for Global Studies,124 Gooch Hall, ext. 1023.