



October 28, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

I am delighted to be called upon as a reference for Ms. Kirsten Hatton and pleased to write this letter in support. As the German program director, I have known Kirsten since the Fall of 2017 when she first started taking German at the University of St. Thomas. I was delighted when she decided to take Germ 211 with me abroad over J-Term 2019.

Kirsten is a committed, forward-thinking, and interested student. She is independent, driven, and enjoys mastering challenges. She has exceptional time-management and possesses professional and organizational skills above most of her peers; Kirsten is a conscientious student, who embraces the unknown, and who deals with uncertainty well. After only two semesters of German, Kirsten was (on paper) the least prepared for the study abroad adventure in Germany. Yet, through hard work, focus, and her positive attitude, she mastered any challenge with grace.

Observing her interact with fellow students in and outside of class, revealed that her peers enjoyed her company and working with her. Kirsten's love for the German language and culture, a growth mindset, and a high level of maturity has allowed her to develop into a well-rounded, academically curious student, with exceptional global awareness.

I enjoyed having Kirsten in class and regret that she wasn't able to continue with German. Catching up with her in person, when I see her on campus, is always a pleasure.

Should you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or by phone.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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