

At a Glance...

Berlin in German Life and Letters

GETR 2770

Dates December 30, 2010-
January 15, 2011

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In-state \$3495
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Overview

This program will introduce students to the rich, diverse, and problematic history of Germany as centered in Berlin and reflected in its life today. The approach, in a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary assessment of Berlin's past and present, weaves together art, literature, political and social history, architecture and city planning. Readings, both primary and secondary, are coordinated with the daily activities to provide background, context, and access to the numerous sites being visited.



Berlin Cathedral

It is an impossible expectation to capture approximately eight hundred years of fascinating and sometimes turbulent history and culture in a brief interval such as a J-Term course. At the same time such a course provides a unique opportunity, unavailable to students in the U.S., to experience and to appreciate the central place Berlin occupies in the European past, present, and future. Welcome to the challenge of making the most of an opportunity to broaden one's horizons while exploring one's own sense of values and beliefs along the way!

Location

Berlin, Germany's capital and largest city, is an ideal location for a J-Term, well known as it is for being

the center of politics, culture, learning, and the media. Students, artists, musicians, scholars and visitors from around the world come to this city of 3.4 million inhabitants to share in its vitality, spontaneity, and liberal lifestyle. Students on previous J-Terms have found their time to be fascinating, full of variety, and very conducive both to their undergraduate educations and also their individual interests.



Goethe, Schiller, and friends in Weimar

Three day trips are planned, one to nearby Dresden, capital of Saxony, which is rich in cultural and historical significance. Another is to Weimar where we will follow the trails of Friedrich Schiller and Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, Germany's most famous poets, and visit the nearby concentration camp of Buchenwald. Finally, we will visit Potsdam, famous for its conference at the end of WW II among Stalin, Churchill, and Truman at the Cecilienhof and for Sanssouci, the summer home of Frederick the Great.

Course and Credit

GETR 2770 "Berlin in German Life and Letters" is open to all students, whatever their knowledge of the German language, literature or history. The emphasis of the course will be on the last one hundred years, from the time of Wilhelm II, Germany's last Kaiser, to the present. Class days will offer an

opportunity to speak German, discussion of the assigned readings, and an orientation to the day's activities. Then we will visit one or more sites central to Berlin's life today and mirroring different essential parts to its history. Visits to many famous museums and evenings at the opera, theater, and ballet will expose students to Berlin's rich cultural offerings. Lectures at the Humboldt University are being arranged. Students will receive 3 credits for the course.

Accommodations

Students will be housed in single occupancy rooms at the centrally located Hotel Sylter Hof. The rooms each have a bathroom, telephone, and TV. The hotel offers an attractive meeting room for our classes, is wired for internet use, and offers an incredible breakfast buffet.

www.sylterhof-berlin.de

Faculty

Professor Gordon M. Stewart, who has taught in the Department of German for many years and who has twice been a visiting professor at the Free University in Berlin, will again be leading the J-Term in 2011. He looks forward to introducing students to such an exciting, historically central, and culturally significant European capital as Berlin.



Class at the Brandenburg Gate