Program Narrative: Berlin Culture and Society and Study of German language

Study Abroad Program: Berlin, GERMANY, June 1-June 27
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The Program:

Berlin: Culture and Society offers students an ultimate firsthand learning experience in Berlin, the capital of Germany and an exciting and vibrant multi-cultural European metropolis. With its old-world beauty and hip, modern scenes, Berlin is an exciting city of contrasts. Forever evolving, Berlin provides visitors with dazzling achievements of the 21st century against the backdrop of its past: Prussian and pre-WWII architecture stand back-to-back with chic, modern buildings and innovative uses of space, both old and new. A perfect balance of urban landscape and green space, Berlin offers opportunities to enjoy fast-paced city life while finding time to relax in parks, stroll along the banks of the river intersecting the heart of the city, and partake in the café experience. University students mingle with German Hausfrauen, businessmen, trendsetters, and tourists from around the world. Berlin’s renowned climate of tolerance, openness and experimentation gives Berlin a vibrant cultural richness that is accessible to all visitors. Berlin is a pedestrian and bicycle-friendly city and has excellent public transportation. A cultural hub of Europe, where East and West Europe come together, Berlin is renowned for its architecture, literature, music, art, theater, and nightclubs. Centrally located in Europe, Berlin has also been a crossroads of history. Students participate in exciting day excursions, led by experienced native speakers of German, that allow them to personally visit and experience cultural and historical phenomena explored in the course Berlin is not only Germany largest but also its most multi-cultural town

German Language courses
The course runs parallel to two language courses that are simultaneously offered:

1. An intensive German conversation course for intermediate and advanced speakers taught in a German language academy (Deutsche Akademie (4 credits), M-R 3 days 9:30 am -12 pm; alternatively planned is an intensive conversation course taught by a private instructor, Dr. Andrea DeCapua, a highly qualified socio-linguist Professor.

and

2. An intensive German language course for beginners of German, FAU levels GER 1120 and GER 1121 combined (course fulfils FAU language requirement) taught by the highly qualified Professor of Linguistics Dr. Prisca Augustyn and cross-listed with Berlin: Culture and society (4 credits) M-R, contact hours vary depending on excursions but will include fixed meetings M-R within the time from 12:30 pm to 6 PM

All students must enroll in Berlin: Culture and society and in one of the two offered language courses, totaling 7 credits total maximum. Students will all participate in daily
mandatory and/or voluntary excursions as part of the course requirements. Some Fridays may need to be reserved for mandatory excursions outside of Berlin.

The program is organized by FAU faculty Dr. Evelyn Trotter in conjunction with FAU’s Office of International Programs.

Course language is English and German and English (conversational course) All three courses are open to Undergraduate and graduate students.

Excursions:
1. Overnight Dresden: Visit of the old city – 1 overnight excursion (mandatory)
2. Various voluntary TBA excursions

Voluntary excursions are EXCLUDED from pre paid course payments and may include overnight weekend excursions to Hamburg, Nuernberg, Munich, Frankfurt, and outside Germany: Prague, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, and German cities by choice;

Program fee: $ 1.357

INCLUDES
local transportation with U and S Bahn, and one over night and two one day excursions, including two group meals, books for language institute

EXCLUDES
Housing in light large 1-3 persons apartments with kitchen and private bath in prime Berlin location, arranged by program leader, ranging from 957 euro (1 Person studio), 1.261 euro/630 euro per student (2 Person apartment) to 1.501 euro/500 euro per student (3 Person apartment)

Air fare, most meals and tuition and some voluntary excursions

After completing the program

- Students will gain a thorough understanding of Berlin culture, past and present.
- Students will be introduced to German literary trends
- Students will develop an appreciation for the intersection of German beliefs, ideas, and modes of expression across various cultural areas
- Students will be able to apply the course content to their own personal experience

Student Life

Students will live in large studio apartments with private bath and a kitchen. Grocery stores including Aldi, outside markets, bakeries, restaurants, university cafeteria, fast food stand are within walking distance. The apartments are in a safe locked apartment bilding
in a prime location of Berlin Mitte within minutes to a makpr subway station. Transportation costs for sub and underground transportation is covered by course fee.

The mornings will include M-R course lectures and discussions (10-12:30 pm) and until 5 PM students will explore in excursions the city. Evenings and most weekends (Friday-through Sunday) students are on their own.

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