The history department plans to offer a study abroad experience for students interested in Christian history, especially the time of the Protestant Reformation. The course will be based both on campus and in various historical sites in Germany and Switzerland. The emphasis will be on the leaders of the early Reformation and their ideas, including Martin Luther, Philip Melanchthon, Ulrich Zwingli, John Calvin, and the Anabaptists. The on-campus portion of the course will focus on the background to Reformation, the contributions of these reformers, their theology and social and political thought, and their legacies.

The European part of the course will begin in Berlin, from where we will take the short journey to Wittenberg, the heart of the Lutheran Reformation. Important sites here and in the vicinity include the Castle Church where Luther posted his 95 Theses and where he is buried; the University of Wittenberg where he and Melanchthon taught; and the houses where they lived. From here we will visit Eisleben, where Luther was born, Erfurt, where he studied and lived as a monk, and Wartburg Castle, where he fought with the devil and translated the New Testament into German. Other significant sites we will visit include Augsburg, Worms, Mainz, Heidelberg, and Rothenberg. Next, the class will head to Zurich, home of the early Swiss Reformation under Zwingli, where we will see the Gross Minster where he was the people’s priest. Zurich is also where the early Anabaptist movement began, and we will see the caves where they took refuge, and the places where they were martyred for their faith. Finally, we will travel to Geneva, the home of John Calvin and the center of the international Calvinist movement. There we will visit the Reformation Monument, the Reformation Museum, and the reformer’s Church of St. Peter.

Course: EUH 4930: The World of the Protestant Reformers (1480-1560)

Estimated Cost: $3500 (subject to change based on exchange rate variations, etc.)

Program Fee will Include: Airfare, all housing (double room with private bathroom), all breakfasts and many dinners, all travel within Germany and Switzerland, tickets to museums and other sites, tour guides, student ID card, application fee, pre-departure orientation, and on-site faculty leader.

Not Included in the Fee: U.S. passport, tuition for 3 credits, spending money, books.

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