

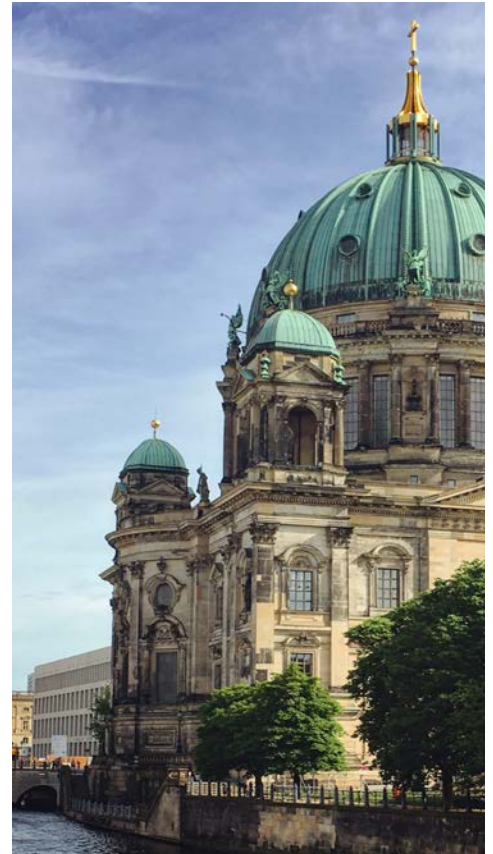
FOUR-WEEK STUDY ABROAD

(June 8, 2025 - July 6, 2025)

HST 397SA

From the Rise of Hitler to the Fall of the Wall (6 credits)

- Spend four weeks in Germany exploring four different cities (Berlin, Jena, and Munich with an excursion to Weimar)
- Explore the dramatic and tense history of a nation torn apart by Nazi terror and hot and cold war, and the divided city at the center of the superpower conflict
- Earn six (6) hours of 300-level History elective credit.
- Satisfy your IV-B requirement (there is also a WI option pending committee approval)
- Apply for scholarships available from History, CLASS and Study Abroad



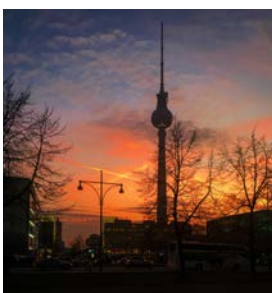
Step into one of the most pivotal chapters of modern history with an in-depth study of Germany's turbulent twentieth century. Beginning with the birth of the Weimar Republic, we will witness the rise of Hitler and the horrors of Nazism before delving into the dramatic decades following the Second World War, a time when Germany was divided into two nations. On one side was a Communist state under Soviet influence, where one out of every sixty people reported on their neighbors, friends and even family to East Germany's secret police. On the other side was West Germany, a thriving capitalist democracy but one in which ex-Nazi's still had a strong hold on government. And in the middle was the divided city of Berlin. Everyone knew that if the Cold War turned hot, Berlin would likely provide the spark.

We will explore this often dramatic and tense history of a nation torn apart by fascist dictatorship and hot and cold war by visiting several museums, memorials and historic sites, collaborating with German students on a common project, and hearing from eyewitnesses, some of whom experienced these tension-filled years from within the walls of a Stasi prison cell. By the end of our time in Germany, we will have learned about life in East and West Germany. We will have a good understanding of the ways in which societies and individuals construct meaning out of a troubled past. And we will have gotten to experience the vibrant and exciting nation that is the Germany of today.

Application Deadline: February 1, 2025.

Apply early! Once the program fills, applications will close.

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* Study Abroad courses must meet the minimum enrollment in order to run.