## THREE-WEEK STUDY ABROAD (May 25-June 18)

## **HST 397**

## A Divided Nation: Germany East and West (6 credits)

- Spend three weeks in Germany exploring four different cities (Frankfurt, Jena, Berlin, and an excursion to Bonn)
- Explore the dramatic and tense history of a nation torn apart by hot war and cold and the divided city at the center of this 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



From 1949 until 1990, Germany was 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 hot war and cold, 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.

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