



MSGA Global Field Intensive/Study Abroad Berlin: A Society in Transition July 7 – 17, 2009

Program dates in Berlin: July 7 – 17, 2009

Preprogram Class Sessions at the Woolworth Campus (5:30-7:30 pm)

Friday, May 22 *Germany and Berlin to 1945*

Friday, May 29 *Germany's First Transition- The Postwar Period in West and East*

Friday, June 5 *Germany's Second Transition-1989 and beyond*

Friday, June 12 *Germany and Europe*

Friday, June 19 *Migrants and Minorities in Postwar Germany*

Registration: Registration for this class is controlled and limited. Priority will be given to applications received by **Wednesday, April 15, 2009**. A \$300 deposit (along with complete application, if not submitted previously) must be received by MyKellann Ledden no later than **5pm Friday, April 24, 2009**. In order to maintain a low student/faculty ratio, enrollment is limited and priority will be given to students in the International Relations or Human Rights and Humanitarian Assistance concentrations. Students will be notified of their enrollment status after 5pm on Friday April 24.

Documents: A valid passport is required for entry into the European Union.

Requirements

- Attendance at five (5) class sessions before departure
- July 7-17 in Germany, including daily morning classes at Humboldt University, site visits and lectures throughout Berlin, and participation in visits to Viadrina University, and Sachsenhausen memorial and museum. Details provided with registr:
- Completion of preliminary topic paper pre-departure, and an individual research project/paper.
- Post trip review session in late July to present papers/discuss outcome of research, date tbd



About the MSGA Global Field Intensive Study Abroad approach and project-based study abroad

The Global Field Intensive is designed so that students maximize the study abroad experience by engaging in comprehensive pre-departure research, reading and individual project planning. Rather than simply attending a series of lectures and site-visits while abroad, students are asked to become active participants in their field intensive in-country experience. Global Field Intensives participants incorporate the following elements across all programs: pre-departure class sessions (5 required plus additional optional film screenings); pre-departure project planning with professor; onsite lectures; onsite field visits; onsite individual or group information gathering; onsite MSGA faculty and student debrief sessions; post-trip wrap-up sessions and project presentations.

Course Description and Overview

Y45.3015 Berlin: A Society in Transition

This course will introduce students to Berlin, capital of one of Europe's most important powers and a city in constant flux. Germany endured wrenching changes following World War II and then after the fall of the Berlin Wall, making it a case study in transitions, and it is now seeking its place in Europe, where it acts as a bridge between East and West. It is in Berlin, Germany's most cosmopolitan city, that these developments can be studied most closely. In Berlin, too, the issues raised across Europe by increasing immigration, particularly from Muslim countries, can be most clearly viewed. Through academic lectures, site visits, meetings with government representatives, NGOs, and other experts, and by pursuing independent projects in Berlin, students will gain a unique perspective on the many factors that are shaping Germany's role in Europe and the world.

Berlin, once divided by the Berlin Wall, is the only city in Germany that combines a formerly West German and a formerly East German half-city, and the problems involved in integrating two very different societies continue to bedevil the city, even 19 years after the Wall's fall. In addition, since 1999, Berlin has played host to Germany's federal government, as well as an increasing number of non-governmental organizations that help to continue the city's long tradition of political activism. With the largest Turkish community outside of Turkey and a growing number of immigrants, Berlin is also a focal point of Germany's attempt to come to terms with its status as a country of immigration, with all the questions this raises - questions of cultural identity, discrimination and racism, the meaning of integration and how to achieve it.

These modern issues, meanwhile, cannot be seen separately from Germany's, and especially Berlin's, earlier history. Berlin was the capital of Nazi Germany, and reminders of this history are everywhere. Only an hour from Berlin is Sachsenhausen, the concentration camp that was the model for other concentration camps, and Berlin itself is filled with memorials to the many victims of the Nazis and museums and educational sites that impressively document that period in German history. This wealth of historical memory holds a two-fold interest for students: understanding the history itself is crucial to an understanding of present-day Germany and its leading role in Europe; and the way this history has been dealt with is a fascinating study in historical memory and "transitional justice," a growing field of study that examines the problems of societies emerging from violence or dictatorship. Indeed, Germany's two transformations – first from Nazism to democracy and then from totalitarian communism to democratic capitalism - provides a unique opportunity to compare transitions.

Practicum and Field Research

Students will be required to submit a paper on one of the areas covered in the course before the trip, and at least one of the pre-departure class sessions will focus on internet research, establishing contacts, and planning individualized research while abroad. The preliminary paper will be expanded during the stay in Berlin through field research that students will organize themselves, with support from the professor and program administrators. This research may include interviews with politicians, activists and experts, as well as site visits and short-term internships.

Faculty

BELINDA COOPER, JD, Adjunct Professor NYU Center for Global Affairs

Belinda Cooper teaches courses in International Law and Human Rights at the NYU Center for Global Affairs. She is also Senior Fellow at the World Policy Institute in New York and cofounder of its Program on Citizenship and Security. She writes and lectures on international human rights law and is the editor of "War Crimes: The Legacy of Nuremberg," which explores the interconnections between the Nuremberg Tribunal and today's international criminal tribunals. She has written for numerous publications, including the New York Times, World Policy Journal, and the Huffington Post. A fluent German speaker, Ms. Cooper has also contributed to German language print media and radio. She translates German scholarly books and articles, including texts on the Holocaust and Nazi Germany and a textbook on international criminal law, and served as translator in the case of Turkish-German Guantanamo detainee Murat Kurnaz. She has also coauthored reports on domestic violence in Armenia, Uzbekistan, and Tanzania. Cooper graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. in History from Yale College and received her J.D. from Yale Law School.

Program Site

Meetings and lectures weekday mornings from Tuesday, July 7 (evening orientation) through Friday, July 17 at the NYU Center, Humboldt University, Berlin's oldest university. Humboldt University <http://www.hu-berlin.de/>

Guided tours and site visits may include:

- Reichstag Building
- East German secret police former headquarters and museum
- German-Russian Museum
- Berlin Wall memorials
- Sachsenhausen concentration camp memorial and museum
- Viadrina European University

Lodging & Accommodations

All program participants will stay in double or single occupancy rooms at Alexander Plaza Hotel, a privately run, first-class hotel centrally located on the historic Rosenstrasse between Alexanderplatz and Hackescher Markt. All rooms are equipped with PC connections, and Wi-Fi can be accessed in the hotel lobby. Breakfast is included in the price of the room. The hotel is located in a lively neighborhood known for its bars, restaurants, cafes, art galleries and several small movie theaters. The Hackescher Markt neighborhood is also close to Museum Island, with its wonderful collection of museums. The main building of Humboldt University is only a ten to fifteen minute walk (or short ride on the SBahn) from Hackescher Markt.

Cost for the Program

Tuition: \$2,400 *Please Note: Special Rate**** 40% off 3 credits of tuition**

Program Fee: \$1,400

The program fee will cover student lodging (based on sharing a double room), breakfast, two special dinners, all in-country travel, meetings, site visits, special guest lectures, and planned cultural excursions/tours. There is a supplemental fee for a single room.

Additional costs (variable)

Students are responsible for airfare, airport transfers, passport fees, personal items such as wines, liquors, laundry services, all lunches and dinners (other than the two specified in the program) and any special arrangements before or after the program.

Estimated Airfare: \$700 - \$900

Booking Flights

ARRIVE/DEPART Tegel Airport, Berlin

Students will be responsible for booking flights to and from Berlin, and should plan to arrive in Berlin no later than the morning of Tuesday, July 7. Departure should be booked for Saturday, July 18 unless the student plans to remain in the country or go elsewhere for additional travel. Students who elect to stay will need to find their own accommodations.

Please do not book flights until MyKellann Ledden has confirmed your place in the program. To protect yourself, we recommend that you purchase flight cancellation insurance.

Registration and Deposit:

Registration for Berlin: A Society in Transition is open until Friday, April 24, 2009 and priority is given to registrations received by Wednesday, April 15. Deposits (\$300) must be received by April 24. Students will know their enrollment status by 5pm Friday, April 24, 2009.

Checks should be made out to New York University and should be dropped off with MyKellann Ledden or mailed to:
NYU SCPS Center for Global Affairs
Attention: MyKellann Ledden
15 Barclay Street
New York, NY 10007

Cancellations and Refunds Policy

- Cancellations from April 25 – May 1, 2009: Refund of payment, less \$300 program deposit
- Cancellations on and after May 1, 2009: Full forfeiture of the program deposit, program fee as well as tuition penalties. Program cancellations must be made in writing (email).

Questions

Questions about the program and registration process should be directed to Dorothy Royle, 212.992.8337 or dorothy.royle@nyu.edu



CGA GLOBAL FIELD INTENSIVES -- REGISTRATION FORM

COURSE SELECTION:

/__/_/ **JULY 10 – 17, 2009** Y45.3015.999 BERLIN: A SOCIETY IN TRANSITION

ARE YOU AN MSGA STUDENT? _____ ***IF NO, WHAT IS YOUR PROGRAM OR AFFILIATION?** _____

**NON-MSGA STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT THE STUDY ABROAD COURSE MEETS INDIVIDUAL GRADUATE PROGRAM AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS.*

NAME (AS IT IS ON YOUR PASSPORT) _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ **PLACE OF BIRTH** _____

STUDENT ID# _____

EMAIL: _____ **CELL PHONE** _____

GRADUATE CREDITS EARNED AS OF SPRING 2009 _____

EXPECTED GRADUATION SEMESTER AND YEAR _____

INTENDED CONCENTRATION _____

CITIZENSHIP _____ **COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE** _____

CURRENT VISA STATUS (NON-U.S. CITIZENS) _____

PASSPORT NUMBER _____ **EXPIRATION DATE** _____

PASSPORT ISSUING COUNTRY _____

**Please submit a one page personal statement which answers the following question:
How will this Global Field Intensive help you meet your academic and/or professional goals?**

Ghana Participants Only: Please hold March 24th for short Interviews. Interviews will be conducted from 10am – 7:30 pm. Please list your preferred timeslot here _____ and we will do our best to accommodate you.

BY SIGNING THIS REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION FORM, I HEREBY GIVE MY PERMISSION TO BE ENROLLED IN THE SPECIFIED PROGRAM. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WILL BE A PROGRAM FEE IN ADDITION TO THE THREE CREDIT TUITION AND THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR MY AIRFARE TO THE COUNTRY. I HAVE READ THE CANCELLATION POLICY AND I AM WILLING TO FORFEIT MY \$300 DEPOSIT, ENTIRE PROGRAM FEE AND ASSOCIATED TUITION & REGISTRATION FEES IF I CANCEL MY ENROLLMENT ON OR AFTER APRIL 3, 2009 FOR THE GHANA PROGRAM AND MAY 18TH FOR THE GENEVA PROGRAM.

SIGNATURE: _____

PRINT: _____ **DATE:** _____

RETURN BY EMAIL TO mykellann.ledden@nyu.edu OR BY FAX 212.995.4597 BY.