## FOUR-WEEK STUDY ABROAD (June 8, 2025 - July 6, 2025)

## HST 655SA A Divided Nation: Germany East and West (3 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
- Examine the multiple ways in which museums, memorials and eyewitnesses construct meaning out of a troubled past
- Apply for scholarships available from History, CLASS and Study Abroad



How do nations remember their past? How do they memorialize significant events? What do the stories they tell about their past reveal about their present? These are the sorts of questions we will examine during our four-week stay in Germany. Traveling to four different cities, we will explore the often dramatic and tense history of a nation torn apart by Nazi dictatorship and hot and cold war. Through visits to museums and memorials across Germany, we will explore the rise of fascism from the ruins of democracy, witness the devistating impact of a world war, and trace the intertwined histories of a once-unified people divided into two rival nations. We will hear 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 meaningful histories out of turbulent events. 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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