

Creighton University

Department of Modern Languages & Literatures

Faculty- Led Program Abroad

German 525: The New Berlin May 27-June 17, 2009



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Place in Curriculum:	Major/minor/global studies/elective credit
Prerequisite:	Enrollment in CU German class, spring 2009 and Instructor Consent
Credit Hours:	Three (3)
Cost:	App. \$2600* plus airfare
Enrollment:	Eight to twelve (8-12)
Instructor:	Dr. Sybille Bartels, Adjunct Assistant Professor
Application:	1) Contact Your German Professor (Bartels, Bohlke, Coffee) 2) Complete application by December 2, 2008 Forms available at Office of International Programs, Harper Center, Suite 4036; 280-2221. 3) See payment schedule below

Course Description

Intensive, experiential language study and introduction to German life and culture. Study history; explore monuments, museums, and memorial sites; visit places of students' interests such as schools, congregations, hospitals, government agencies; meet your instructor's family and friends. Day trips to Wittenberg, Weimar, Leipzig, and/or an over-night excursions to such places as Prague (Czech Republic) or Krakau (Poland), as desired by group and/or budget permitting.

Pre-departure meetings and assignments; immersion language instruction, practice and testing; on-site lectures, interviews, home visits; presentations, reflection essays, journals.

Catalogue Description (CU Catalogue, p. 389)

Students will explore the culture, history and politics of Berlin, a city undergoing radical transformation since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and German unification in 1990.

Through walking tours and visits to sites [...] students learn how the history and culture of the past continue to shape the future of Berlin, the new capital of the Federal Republic of Germany.

*** *Program cost includes***

Instructional support, accommodation with breakfast at Hotel Bogota, public transportation, admission to museums, guest lectures, train travel and accommodation for at least one excursion. *Program estimate is based on an enrollment of ten (10) and an exchange rate of Euro 1=\$1.60.*

Program cost does not include

Airfare, lunch and dinner, personal expenses.

****Please note the December 2 application deadline to secure participation.****

Payment Schedule (as of 11-13-2008, revision possible)

December 12, 2008 (\$180 refundable until January 20, 2009)	\$200
January 20, 2009	\$200
March 20, 2009	\$200

Roundtrip airfare to be arranged by individual student or with instructor's assistance (Travel and Transport).

May balance

All 2009 payments are non-refundable except in cases of documented medical emergency.

Course Goals

1. Experience German life and culture,
2. Gain international travel confidence,
3. Increase communication skills,
4. Study topics from the arts, history, religion, and current events,
5. Engage in discussion with hosts in Germany,
6. Practice effective group learning,
7. Reflect on and write about your experiences,
8. Create multi-media records for presentation.

Intended Course Outcomes

After successful completion of **German 525: The New Berlin**, students will be able to:

1. Use German for communication in public and private settings,
2. Observe and practice cross-cultural communication,
3. Compare and contrast cultural practices,
4. Identify and describe the historic significance of selected cultural artifacts,
5. Demonstrate some understanding of ways in which the arts, religion, and the past shape a people's world view and a nation's current issues,
6. Use problem solving skills in response to unanticipated circumstances,
7. Explain the challenges/benefits of an international experience in college.

Teaching and Learning Methods

- A.** Intensive experiential learning, including individual, team/group activities such as
1. Viewing, experiencing and describing public places,
 2. Shopping for food and eating out,
 3. Using the train system and public transportation,
 4. Budgeting resources, using the Euro,
 5. Understanding, retaining, writing about information from guided tours, lectures, and discussion with hosts (orally and in writing)
 6. Locating sites on maps and independently getting there,
 7. Using culturally-appropriate manners when interacting with hosts and the public,
 8. Identifying and managing group learning dynamics.
- B.** Intensive German language practice, in public, with instructor and within group (!)
- C.** Lectures and presentations, pre-departure and on-site
- D.** Discussion and daily debriefing,
- E.** Collection and utilization of authentic materials,
- F.** Reflection papers and multi-media presentations.

Course Requirements

Course participants will be expected to:

1. Attend all scheduled pre-departure meetings (fall '08, spring '09)
2. Complete pre-departure assignments,
3. Participate in all daily group activities,
4. Actively listen to and contribute to group discussion,
5. Independently/in teams complete all reading, travel and post-travel assignments,
6. Be flexible, courteous and respectful towards all travel companions,
7. Submit final course work by July 1, 2009,
8. Successfully complete final exam in German,
9. Report travel experience to campus community and beyond.