Course Name: **East Meets West: The Economics of German Reunification and the Path towards Greater Regional Parity**

Course Number: **ECO 397**

Credit Hours: **3**

**Course Objectives**

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**Program Fee:** $2,150

**Program Fee Includes:** Round-trip airfare, 5 day Welcome Card and rail pass for city transportation within Berlin, museum entrance fees, lodging in Berlin, arrival and departure meals, Study Away student fee and basic medical insurance.

**Program Fee Excludes:** Passport, ground transportation in Springfield, most meals (approx. 22), incidentals/misc personal expenses, and souvenirs. $612 MSU tuition for 3 hours of undergraduate credit. Both Missouri residents and non-residents pay the Mo. resident per-credit-hour tuition rate, per University policy.

**Online applications are due by February 6, 2015. A nonrefundable deposit of $215 will be billed to your student account.** To apply, please:
- Visit the Study Away website at international.missouristate.edu/studyaway/
- Choose Apply Now
- Search for a Program (under Apply for a Study Away Program)
- Choose Simple Search
- Type Germany under Program Name
- Choose East Meets West: The Economics of German Reunification and the Path towards Greater Regional Parity
- Choose Apply Now

**Scholarship Eligibility & Financial Aid**

Students may apply for the College of Humanities and Public Affairs Study Away scholarship. Applications are due to the Study Away office by April 10, 2015. Please see the scholarship page on the Study Away website. Additionally, students who receive financial aid may apply aid to this program. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at 836-5262 for more information. Additional funding is available from the Economics department for the first 10 applicants.

**Interested in going?**
Contact the Program Director, **Dr. David M. Mitchell**, Professor, Department of Economics
DavidMitchell@MissouriState.edu
(417) 836-5551

**Informational Meeting:**
- September 18, 2014
- Application Due: February 6, 2015
- Pre-Travel Meetings: March 20, 2015
- Depart for Berlin: May 23, 2015
- Depart for Springfield: May 30, 2015
- Post-Travel Reports Due: June 1, 2015

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Course Schedule & Itinerary
During the Spring semester 2015, the instructor will hold seven 1.5 hour classes (prior to departure). Additional classes will be provided during the trip by the instructor and/or in-country professionals. Dates and times will be determined in advance and will be made available to students upon registration.

STUDY TOUR
May 23, 2015: Depart Springfield.
May 24, 2015: Afternoon Arrival to Berlin, Germany. Transfer to hotel and become acquainted with the local area (free time). First meal together in the evening.
May 25, 2015: Visit DDR Museum in the morning, then the Berlin Wall Memorial Museum and Brandenburg Gate in the afternoon/evening.
May 26, 2015: Visit Deutsches Historisches Museum to explore German history from 100 A.D. to the present. Free evening.
May 27, 2015: Visit Reichstag and Bundestag, meet with locals of Bundestag, and watch a session of Parliament.
May 28, 2015: Free day for students to explore the city on their own.
May 29, 2015: Visit the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe Museum and Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp.

POST-TRAVEL CLASS MEETING
Focus group regarding program evaluation and recommendations, reflection on the experience.

Course Credit & Requirements
Students must fulfill the following academic requirements (A-D are pass/fail; E-G are graded):
• Attend scheduled meetings before, during, and after the trip.
• Attend all lectures, presentations, and relevant educational excursions provided during the trip.
• Participate fully in assigned activities.
• Participate in a post-trip focus group to share feelings about the trip, discuss strengths/weaknesses, improvements for future trips, etc.
• Organize, write and present a 5 to 8 page report of personal and professional observations and development.
• Maintain a daily reflection journal during the trip
• Individually (or in small groups as required by course enrollment) prepare and lead one small group educational exercise to complement lecture-based material.

Assessment of Learning
Assuming successful completion of the “pass/fail” components, the course grade will be determined as a combination of performance, a final paper and presentation, and reflection journal.
• Educational exercise 25%
• Written report 25%
• Presentation 25%
• Journal 25%

Required Text: Kempe, Frederick Berlin 1961: Kennedy, Khrushchev, and the most dangerous place on Earth, Putnam Publishing.

Application & Payment Procedures
Missouri State University students and others who are approved by the Program Director may apply. Instructions are included on the program application.

MSU Students: A non-refundable deposit of $325 will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline Feb. 6, 2015). You will receive a second billing on March 6, 2015 and a final billing on April 10, 2015, for the balance of the program fee ($1,825). MSU course tuition ($612) will be billed to your University account separately and is due according to the university payment plan.

Visiting Students: A non-refundable deposit of $325 must be paid through the Study Away Storefront on or before Feb. 6, 2015. The balance of the program fee ($1,825) must be paid through the Study Away Storefront by April 17, 2015. MSU course tuition ($612) is also due by April 17, 2015 and must be paid at the bursar’s office or on-line through my.missouristate.edu.

In order to ensure participation in this Study Away program, each student must pay the entire program fee by May 1, 2015. Alternatively, a student may show proof of the financial aid that will pay for the fee. If a student does not pay the program fee, or does not show proof of financial aid that is sufficient to cover the fee, the student will be withdrawn from the Study Away program, dropped from the course, and his/her airline reservation will be canceled. Visiting students must also fully pay the tuition amount by May 1, 2015 in order to stay enrolled in the program. Estimated program fees are based on rates in effect on the publication date of this flyer and may be subject to change. Program participants agree to a potential increase of up to 10% if rates increase before or during travel.

Cancellation & Refund Policies
• Students who withdraw prior to April 10, 2015 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $215 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.

• If a student must withdraw after April 10, 2015 for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $215 deposit and non-refundable expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.

• Students withdrawing voluntarily after April 10, 2015 will receive no refund.

• When the program begins, no refunds will be issued under any circumstances.

• All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Director and the Director of Study Away Programs at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. Non-payment of fees does not guarantee withdrawal.