

# Germany



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## Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • 2nd Block Spring 2014 • May 19 - 25, 2014

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

Course Number: **ECO 397**

Credit Hours: **3** undergraduate

### Course Overview & Objectives:

Thanks to historical circumstances, East Germany has developed economically, politically, and socially in a different way than West Germany. This course examines the causes and consequences of this uneven regional development. Furthermore, possible policy solutions towards returning the different regions of Germany towards parity are examined. Finally, this course will give students the opportunity to understand not only that there are similarities and differences between people of different cultures, but that these can exist between people who share a common culture. I hope that this class imparts a sense of tolerance and appreciation for other people.

### Program Fee: **\$2,500**

**Program Fee Includes:** Round-trip airfare, 5 day Welcome Card and rail pass for city transportation within Berlin, museum entrance fees, double occupancy 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), airport departure tax of \$28.00, 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.

**Applications are due by February 3, 2014.** A **nonrefundable deposit of \$375 will be billed to your student account.** Please see Application & Payment Procedures for MSU and Visiting Students on reverse.

### 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 11, 2014. 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.

Informational Meeting:  
**September 18, 2013**

Application Due:  
**February 3, 2014**

Pre-Travel Meetings:  
**March 18, 2014**

Depart Springfield for Germany:  
**May 18, 2014**

Depart Germany for Springfield:  
**May 25, 2014**

Post-Travel Meeting:  
**May 27, 2014**

### Interested in going?

Contact the Program Director,  
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## Course Schedule & Itinerary

During the Spring semester 2013, the instructor will hold seven 1.5 hour classes (prior to departure) and one 2 hour meeting after return. Additional classes (5 hrs) 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 18, 2014:** Depart Springfield.

**May 19, 2014:** Afternoon arrival to Berlin, Germany. Transfer to hotel and become acquainted with the local area (free time). First meal together in the evening.

**May 20, 2014:** Visit DDR Museum in the morning, then the Berlin Wall Memorial Museum and Brandenburg Gate in the afternoon/evening.

**May 21, 2014:** Visit Deutsches Historisches Museum to explore German history from 100 A.D. to the present. Free evening.

**May 22, 2014:** Visit Reichstag and Bundestag, meet with locals of Bundestag, and watch a session of Parliament.

**May 23, 2014:** Free day for students to explore the city on their own.

**May 24, 2014:** Visit the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe Museum and the Jewish History Museum.

**May 25, 2014:** Depart for Springfield.

### 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.

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| • 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 a Program Director may apply. Instructions are included on the program application.

**MSU Students:** A non-refundable deposit of **\$375** will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline Feb. 3, 2014). You will receive a second billing on March 3, 2014 and a final billing on April 4, 2014, for the balance of the program fee (\$2,125). MSU course tuition (\$612) will be billed to your University account and is due according to the university payment plan.

**Visiting Students:** A non-refundable deposit of **\$375** (check or money order) must accompany your application (deadline Feb 3, 2014). A check or money order for the balance of the program fee (\$2,125) and MSU course tuition (\$612) will be due by April 21, 2014.

**IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY AWAY PROGRAM, THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 9, 2014. PAYMENT CAN BE MADE ONLINE OR AT THE BURSAR'S OFFICE.**

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 7, 2014 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$375 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after April 7, 2014 or a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$375 deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after April 7, 2014, or withdrawing due to medical reasons not protected under the fees refund policy, receive no refund.
- Once the program has started, no refunds will be issued under any circumstances.
- All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Director and Director of Study Away Programs at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. Non-payment of fees does not guarantee automatic withdrawal.

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