

Germany



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Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • 2nd Block Spring 2013 • May 19 - June 2, 2013

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: **\$3,195**

Program Fee Includes: Round-trip airfare, German 3-day rail pass, weekly rail pass for city transportation within Berlin and Munich, museum entrance fees, double occupancy in Berlin and Munich. Study Away student fee and basic medical insurance; separated costs not available.

Program Fee Excludes: Passport, ground transportation in Springfield, meals not provided per intertenary (approx. 37 meals), airport departure tax of \$28.00, incidentals/misc personal expenses, and souvenirs. \$601.44 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 1, 2013. A nonrefundable deposit of \$480 will be billed to your student account. Please see Application & Payment Procedures for MSU and Visiting Students on reverse.

Scholarship Eligibility & Financial Aid

Study Away scholarship funds in variable amounts up to \$2,000 are available to students studying abroad during winter intersession 2013, spring 2013, and summer 2013 terms. The scholarship is need-based for full-time, degree-seeking students with a minimum 3.0 GPA applying for an approved Study Away program. This may be a semester, summer, or short-term faculty led program offered during the terms listed above. Students must complete the application by February 19, 2013 to apply funds to this program.

Informational Meeting:

TBA

Application Due:

February 1, 2013

Pre-travel Class Meetings

TBA

Depart Springfield for Munich:

May 19, 2013

Depart Berlin for Springfield:

June 2, 2013

Post-travel Meeting, Papers Due:

TBA

Interested in going?

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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 19, 2013: Depart Springfield for Munich

May 20, 2013: Arrive in Munich, free time.

May 21, 2013: Tour the BMW factory and visit Munich Olympic Park.

May 22, 2013: Visit the Deutsches Museum.

May 23, 2013: Visit the Dachau Concentration Camp. Free evening for students.

May 24, 2013: Day trip to Fussen, Germany to visit the Neuschwanstein castles.

May 25, 2013: Explore Bavarian history and culture at Old Munich City Hall, Munich Residenz and Museum, and Beer Hall.

May 26, 2013: Free day to explore Munich.

May 27, 2013: Travel by train for Berlin for a walking tour of downtown. Check-in to hotel.

May 28, 2013: Learn about Soviet East German economics and history by visiting DDR Museum, the Berlin Wall Memorial Museum, and Brandenburg Gate

May 29, 2013: Visit Deutsche Historisches Museum to explore German history from 100 A.D. to present day. Free evening for students.

May 30, 2013: Visit Reichstag and Bundestag, meet with local members of Bundestag, and watch a session of Parliament.

May 31, 2013: Visit the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe Museum and the Jewish History Museum.

June 1, 2013: Free morning and afternoon for students while they prepare to leave Germany. Last meal as a group.

June 2, 2013: Depart Berlin 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.

• 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 **\$480** will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline Feb. 1, 2013). You will receive a second billing on March 1, 2013 and a final billing on April 1, 2013, for the balance of the program fee (\$2,715). MSU course tuition (\$601.44) will be billed to your University account and is due according to the university payment plan.

Visiting Students: A non-refundable deposit of **\$480** (check or money order) must accompany your application (deadline Feb. 1, 2013). A check or money order for the **balance of the program fee (\$2,715) will be due by April 1, 2013**. MSU course tuition (\$601.44) will be billed to your University account and is due according to your payment plan.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY AWAY PROGRAM, THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013. 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 8, 2013 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$480 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after April 8, 2013 or a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$480 deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after April 8, 2013, 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.
- This program will be cancelled if enrollment is fewer than 8 participants. In this event, MSU students will receive a full refund.



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