Berlin, Germany – 2015
Summer 2015 Study Abroad Academic Course – Also open to community members!
(POL 298 – Special Topics)

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Tour: Berlin, Germany: One City, Many Worlds
Date: June 9-18, 2015

Inclusion:
- Roundtrip air from Chicago including air taxes and airport fees
- 8 nights lodging tourist class hotels
- Breakfast
- Full time English speaking tour escort
- Services of long distance deluxe motorcoach
- All guides, entrances and transportation

Not Included:
- Lunches and dinners with the exception of the welcome and farewell dinner
- Optional Travel Insurance

Tour price: $3,550 based on double occupancy
Single Supplement: $315.00
Tour Leader: Dr. Dylan Bennett, UW-Waukesha, Associate Professor

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A collaborative trip with UW-Waukesha: June 9 - 18, 2015
Berlin, Germany: One City, Many Worlds

Journey to the vibrant, optimistic capital of this fascinating country in the heart of Europe. Behold the drama of a region that experienced monarchy, democracy, National Socialism, communism, and democracy again, in only 70 years. Feel the burden of war, the paranoia of police states, the exaltation of liberation, and the awe of inspired art and architecture. Trip includes travel to beautiful Leipzig and literary Weimar.

Day 1: Tues. June 9: Berlin
Your adventure begins as you board your flight to Berlin, Germany via O’Hare International Airport in Chicago.

Day 2: Wed. June 10: Berlin
A private coach bus will be chartered exclusively for your group’s transfer from the airport Berlin Tegel to your hotel in Berlin 4 nights in twin rooms with private bathrooms incl. breakfast at a 3-star hotel in Berlin Morning/Afternoon: Arrival at Berlin Tegel Airport.
After clearing customs and immigration, you will meet your on-site coordinator who will be available to introduce you to Europe and accompany you during your time in Germany. A private coach bus will take you from the airport to your hotel in Berlin. Check into your room and then start off your program with a welcome and orientation session provided by your coordinator and team leader. Have a snack at your own expense and meet your local guide afterwards for a private guided walking tour of Berlin. Get an impression of this historic yet modern city, take stops at Unter den Linden, Berlin’s historic “Flaniermeile” to see Equestrian Statue of Frederick the Great, the Berliner Dom, the “Neue Wache”, the Deutsche Staatsoper and the Brandenburger Tor. Evening: A special welcome dinner awaits your group at a typical German restaurant in Berlin to kick off the program.

**Day 3: Thurs. June 11: Berlin**

Morning: Your morning begins with a visit to the German Parliament. It is the supreme democratic organ of the state and the center of the country’s political life. Learn about the architecture of the building and the political system of Germany during your visit. Afterwards, you have the chance to explore the Reichstagsbuilding and the famous glass rotunda (“Reichstagskuppel”). Afternoon: Have lunch at your own expense before you continue to explore Berlin further on your own. Return to the Brandenburg Gate with your faculty leader to see the Room of Silence in the northern gatehouse of the Gate. You might also consider viewing the nearby Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe on your own.

**Day 4: Fri. June 12: Berlin**

Morning: The morning awaits you with a private guided tour of the “Topography of Terror,” presented as an open-air exhibition. Between 1933 and 1945, the central institutions responsible for the repressive and criminal policies of National Socialism were located on this terrain. Here, in close proximity to the traditional government district, the Secret State Police, the SS leadership and the Reich Security Main Office set up their offices. Afternoon: Learn about one of the most important women of the modern age during a visit to the Käthe Kollwitz Museum (entrance fee included). The broad spectrum of her artistic work embraces both crucial aspects of life suffering per se, poverty and death, hunger and war - as well as the truly happy and positive sides of life.

**Day 5: Sat. June 13: Berlin**

Morning: Begin your day with a private guided tour of the Stasi Museum, a research and memorial center concerning the political system of the former East Germany. It is located in the Lichtenberg area of Berlin, in the former headquarters of the Stasi (officially the Ministerium für Staatssicherheit; headquarter of the State Security). Considering itself the "shield and sword of the party," it was from this compound where the Stasi conducted its nearly 40-year-long fight against the so called enemies of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany (SED) - against those who refused to follow the guidelines of the regime and against those who did not conform to its ideas of a human being. Afternoon: After lunch at your own expense, meet your tour leader (Dr. Bennett) for a private guided bike tour to Berlin Tempelhof Park (among other places). The former Tempelhof Airport is nowadays a public park, as it has been repeatedly in its history. Originally, the Tempelhofer Feld was a parade ground. At the beginning of the 1920s, Tempelhof Airport was built on this site. After the airport closed in 2008, the city of Berlin reclaimed the 386-hectare open space and one of the world's largest buildings in a central location for public use. Today, the area has a six-kilometer cycling, skating and jogging trail, a 2.5-hectare BBQ area, a dog-walking field covering around four hectares and an enormous picnic area for all visitors. The three entrances (Columbiadamm, Tempelhofer Damm and Oderstrasse) are open from sunrise to sunset.


A private coach bus will be chartered exclusively for your group’s transportation from Berlin to Leipzig with a stop-over in Wittenberg. One night in twin rooms with private bathrooms incl. breakfast at a 3-star hotel in Leipzig. Morning: Travel by private bus to Wittenberg. Upon arrival, enjoy a private guided walking tour of Wittenberg on the traces of Martin Luther and other famous people. You will see the historic center and learn about the origin of Protestant Christianity as well as visit the famous Schlosskirche (All Saints Church) where Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door on October 31, 1517. The parish church in which Luther often preached was built in the 14th century but has been much altered since Luther's time. Other interesting sights are Melanchthon's house...
and the house of Lucas Cranach the elder (1472–1553), who was mayor of Wittenberg. Statues of Luther, Melanchthon and Bugenhagen embellish the town. Afternoon: Have some free time for lunch at your own expense and continue your journey by private bus to Leipzig. After your arrival in Leipzig, check into your rooms and meet your local guide afterwards, for a private guided walking tour of Leipzig’s historic city center with a focus on the anti-communist protestors. The city’s colorful past and lively present can be glimpsed everywhere. Visit amongst others the market place with the Old Town Hall, St. Thomas Church, St. Nicholas Church and the Mädler Passage. Each place will help you discover diverse traditions, personalities and the history of Leipzig. The St. Nicholas Church had been one of the most famous ones in Leipzig for a long time, and rose to national fame in 1989 with the Monday Demonstrations when it became the center of peaceful revolt against communist rule in the GDR.

**Day 7: Mon. June 15: Leipzig - Weimar**

A train ticket for the EC train from Leipzig to Weimar will be arranged. 1 night in twin rooms with private bathrooms incl. breakfast at a 3-star hotel in Weimar

Morning: After breakfast, begin your day with an audio-guided tour of the Bach Museum in Leipzig. The museum is devoted to the life and works of Bach, whose 27 years as cantor and the city’s music director shaped Leipzig’s musical life. Visitors are treated to sheet music, documents, artworks, musical instruments and furniture. They also get the opportunity to listen to some of Bach’s music from the audio guides. Afternoon: Buy a snack for lunch and board your train from Leipzig to Weimar. Check into your rooms at your hotel in Weimar and meet your local guide for a private guided walking tour of Weimar. The city is well known in German history due to the so called Weimar Republic from 1919 to 1933, as the Republic’s constitution was drafted here. Berlin, as the capital, was considered too dangerous for the National Assembly to use as a meeting place because of its street rioting after the 1918 German Revolution.

**Day 8: Tues. June 16: Weimar - Buchenwald - Berlin**

A train ticket for the EC train from Weimar to Berlin will be arranged. Two nights in twin rooms with private bathrooms incl. breakfast at a 3-star hotel in Berlin

Morning: Meet your coordinator and travel by public transportation to Buchenwald. Start your private guided tour at the Buchenwald Memorial. The Nazi concentration camp existed between 1937 and 1945 on Ettersberg. More than 250,000 people from almost 50 nations were imprisoned there, and over 50,000 of them did not survive. In August 1945, the site was converted by the Soviet occupying forces into an internment camp. Known as Special Camp No. 2, over 28,000 people were held here by the Soviets between 1945 and 1950, including 7,000 who died. Afternoon: Return to Weimar by public transportation and grab something for lunch before you board your train to Berlin. After your arrival in Berlin, travel by public transportation to your accommodation where you check into your rooms. Have a free evening and enjoy a typical German dinner in one of the many restaurants in Berlin at your own expense.

**Day 9: Wed. June 17: Berlin**

Morning: Start off your day with a private guided tour of the Berlin Wall Memorial. It is the central memorial site of German division, located in the middle of the capital. Situated at the historic site on Bernauer Strasse, it will eventually extend along 1.4 kilometers of the former border strip. The memorial contains the last piece of Berlin Wall with the preserved grounds behind it and is thus able to convey an impression of how the border fortifications developed until the end of the 1980s. Afternoon: Use your afternoon in Berlin for final discussions, reflection and to wrap up the program. Evening: A farewell dinner will be arranged for your group at a restaurant in Berlin.

**Day 10: Thurs. June 18: Berlin**

Your private coach bus will pick you up at the hotel and take you to Berlin Tegel Airport to begin your journey home.