

Summer
Study Abroad
2008



Germany

MAY 31–JULY 5, 2008

Application Deadline

February 15, 2008

Cost

Approximately \$5,000

Payment Schedule

- Non-refundable \$150 deposit due February 15, 2008 (make check payable to the University of Richmond, designated Germany Study Abroad Program, and submit with your application)
- 1st payment due March 14
- Final payment due April 18

Berlin

The official capital of reunified Germany, Berlin is a work-in-progress, a play of the finished and unfinished, old and new. The decision to transfer the capital back to Berlin has drawn both business and entertainment to the city, so that now more than ever, there are a myriad of things to do and see. In addition to fantastic museums and theaters, Berlin also has more parks and lakes than any other city in Germany. And with its vast and efficient public transportation system, the city allows visitors to combine their interests in urban life with their desires to bask in the sun in one of the city's many parks or by the shores of the Wannsee. From its role as the cultural and political capital during Germany's heyday as a European power to its position as an island of innovation, intrigue, and opportunity marking the division between East and West, the Berlin of the new Federal Republic is once again the place to be in Germany.

The Language Institute

The Neue Schule is located in the center of Berlin within easy walking distance of numerous cafés, shops, and restaurants. Program participants will be in classes with international students from a wide variety of countries.

Program

The Berlin summer program provides a combination of activities for the participants, joining intensive language instruction with informational sessions designed to enhance students' cultural knowledge and proficiency. In addition to courses taught by on-site teaching professionals, the program includes a bus and boat tour of the city, cultural excursions to sites in and around Berlin, and weekend trips to selected cities in northern and eastern Germany.

Courses

Prior to the beginning of instruction, program participants take a placement test to determine their level of proficiency. Class size is small (7-12 students) to maximize the intensive learning experience. UR program participants receive an additional two hours of individualized instruction on pro-

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nunciation and phonetics per week. An introductory course in English and German focusing on Germany's cultural and political history and the role of Berlin in the New Europe provides the students with a cultural and historical context for their stay in the capital city. Language instruction is entirely in German. All courses are taught by native speakers.

Program participants from the University of Richmond will receive 6-8 hours of academic credit dependent upon placement equivalent to the following courses:

- Intermediate German: German 201-202
- German Conversation and Composition: German 301
- German Grammar and Composition: German 305
- Advanced German: German 402, 404

Housing and Meals

Program participants will be housed in private homes with carefully selected host families within normal commuting distance (20-40 minutes) of the school. Breakfast and dinner will be provided by the host family. For lunch during the week, the area around the school offers a variety of cafés and restaurants suited to every budget.

What's Included

- 6-8 hours of credit
- all instructional materials
- pick-up service from and to the airport/train station

- on-site orientation & introductory course
- welcome and farewell dinners
- home-stay accommodations and half-board
- passes for the Berlin public transportation system
- student handbook
- sight-seeing tours in Berlin (bus & boat trip, Potsdam, Wannsee Villa and Jewish Museum)
- meetings with German student guides
- on-site supervision by program director
- excursions to Dresden and Hamburg

Note

Participants are responsible for arranging and purchasing their own transportation to and from Berlin. Airfare is not included in the program fee. Participants should plan to arrive in Berlin on Saturday, May 31, 2008, and depart on Saturday, July 5, 2008.

Orientation

There will be an on-campus orientation for Richmond students participating in the summer program. There will also be an on-site orientation after the students arrive in Berlin.

All dates and costs are approximate and subject to change as are program details. The University of Richmond reserves the right to alter the program costs as a result of fluctuations of international currency.