

Why Study in Germany?

Germany is a culturally diverse country, but this diversity is often overlooked in favor of a more stereotypical view of Germans and German culture. German cultural identity has been shaped by the interplay of war, modernization, and tradition, culminating in dynamic and unique centers of commerce, religion, and society in the various regions.

Tentative Dates

January 5-31, 2015

Fees: TBA

Enrollment

10 - 20 students

Deadlines

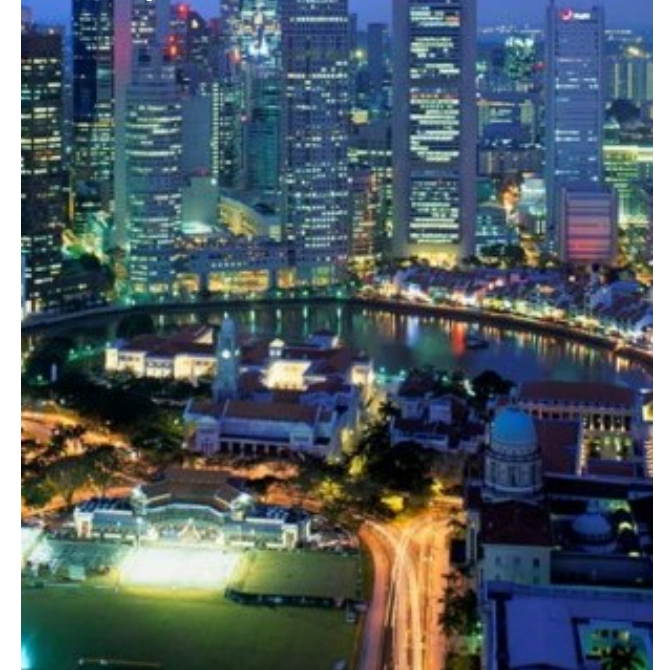
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Applications available: April 1, 2014
Early applications due: April 15, 2014
Last day to apply: July 31, 2014



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About the Instructor

Patricia Branstad has taken more than two dozen trips to Germany and has spent considerable time in all three travel sites. She did her graduate work on the cultural identity of the Ostfriesen, studying the economic, political, and social issues leading to Ostfriesen emigration to the United States and the strong identification with Ostfriesen heritage still evident in Ostfriesen immigrants.



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About the Course

Germany's people and culture are more diverse than the commonly held stereotype. Through a week's stay in three different areas of Germany, Ostfriesland in the northwest, Berlin in the east, and Munich in the south, students will increase their awareness of Germany's diversity, challenging the stereotype of Germans and the German culture. Through interaction with local people and visiting historical and cultural sites in these three geographic areas, students will learn about the political, economic, and social influences that shape Germany's culture identity, and will attempt to answer the question "What is German?"



Requirements

Students will complete daily journaling exercises, as well as 4 weekly reflective papers. There will be a reflective essay due at the end of the course.

Language

No prior language experience is required for this course. Although students who have taken some German will be at an advantage during free time, all course activities will be conducted in English or have English translations available.

Housing

While in Ostfriesland, students will stay with host families. Students will stay in hotels in both Berlin and Munich.

Activities

- Day at Bremerhaven's Emigrant Museum
- Trip to one of the islands in Ostfriesland and/or to the Wattenmeer nature preserve
- Visit to Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial site
- Walking tour of Rothenburg ob der Tauber
- City tours of Berlin and Munich

