

North Central College D-Term 2016 Study Abroad

# Germany from Luther to the Present: Castles, Cathedrals and Culture

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**NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 16, 2016**

## Itinerary:

**Fall term 2016:** Pre-departure sessions (TBA)

**Monday, November 28:** Travel to Berlin

**Tuesday, November 29:** Arrive in Berlin

**November 30-December 2:** Berlin

**Saturday, December 3:** Potsdam

**December 4-6:** Erfurt

**Wednesday, December 7:** Eisenach

**Thursday, December 8:** Weimar

**Friday, December 9:** Jena

**December 10-11:** Berlin

**Monday, December 12:** Hohenschönhausen

**Tuesday, December 13:** Wittenberg

**Wednesday, December 14:** Dresden

**Thursday, December 15:** Oranienburg-Sachsenhausen

**Friday, December 16:** Return to Chicago



## The Course (GLS 362-D1: Study Abroad in Germany)

In celebration of North Central College's 155-year history and its roots in Germany, this exciting D-Term study seminar offers students the chance to learn about, explore, and experience German history from the times of Martin Luther to the present. Grounded and informed by international and interdisciplinary perspectives, this 19-day seminar will have three focal points: 1) the development of the German national state from a series of loosely connected yet antagonistic kingdoms and principalities (such as the Kingdom of Prussia, Kingdom of Saxony and the Dukedom of Weimar-Erfurt) to the founding of Germany in 1871 and through the tumultuous 20th century, including the Third Reich, the Creation of East and West Germany, and finally German unification; 2) the evolving notion of German identity, from the rise of the Reformation and role of Martin Luther in creating a sense of German identity; German kingdoms and regional allegiances and identities, and through epochs of 20th century history and their challenges to German identity; and 3) the development of secular and religious architectural styles, from late Gothic and Brick Gothic through Renaissance, Baroque, Rococo and Neoclassicism, to Modernism and how they reflect and call into question German history, attitudes, culture and customs. From the central bases of Berlin and medieval city of Erfurt, the course has an exciting travel itinerary with many day excursions to Potsdam (the seat of the Kingdom of Prussia), Wittenberg (officially named Martin Luther City-Wittenberg in Germany), Dresden (seat of the Kingdom of Saxony), Eisenach (where Luther translated the Bible in German,) and the cultural capitals of the Enlightenment, Weimar, Jena and Gotha.

### Information Session

Thursday, February 18, 2016: 12:15-1:45 p.m., in Goldspohn 33

## Enrollment Instructions

To enroll in GLS 362-D1, Study Abroad in Germany, students are required to:

- Attend the information session and sign in.
- Meet with the faculty leader(s).
- Confer with their academic advisors.
- Complete a green "Add a Course/Instructor Consent" form and have it signed by the appropriate faculty leader.
- Bring the consent form to the Office of International Programs, Abe House, 48 E. Jefferson Ave., and fill out a brief application.
- Pay \$400 nonrefundable airfare deposit by April 8, 2016.

**Note:** This course fulfills the ACR-intercultural general education requirement.

### Registration Procedure

The Office of International Programs will enroll each student as each deposit is received. After April 8, students will be placed on a waiting list and notified if spaces become available. Students with the highest number of credits earned at the College will be given first priority. Final registration will appear in the student's Merlin account.

### Contact Information

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### Initial Deposit due April 8, 2016

### Scholarships: Deadline February 29, 2016

A limited number of scholarships (up to \$1,000) will be awarded to selected sophomores, juniors and seniors with 3.0 or better GPA and demonstrable financial need. Applications are available in the Office of International Programs and must be submitted by February 29, 2016.

## Statement of Conditions

### 1. Estimated cost and minimum number of participants:

\$3,400 based on a minimum of 20 registered students. The course will not be offered for less than 10 students. The price includes:

- Airfare: estimated \$1,000
- Program fee, including land expenses and some meals: estimated \$2,400

### 2. Accommodation and meals:

Twin accommodations in three-star hotel, breakfast included; some other meals included.

### 3. Payment schedule:

- \$400 nonrefundable airfare deposit due April 8, 2016.
- Balance of the airfare due no later than September 16, 2016, according to payment schedule determined by the faculty leaders; most deposits will be due during the summer.
- \$500 nonrefundable program fee deposit due October 14, 2016.
- Program fee balance is billed to the student's account in late November as part of the invoice for winter term 2017.
- In addition to these airfare and program fees, tuition for this course will be billed as part of each student's winter 2017 invoice.

### 4. Cancellation and refund policy:

- Refund schedules for airfares depend on individual airlines; faculty leaders will inform all participants of the relevant deadlines and policies.
- If the student participant drops the course before November 1, 2016, 50 percent of the remaining balance of the program fee will be refunded.
- If the student participant drops the course after November 1, 2016, 100 percent of the program fee is forfeited.

### 5. Exclusions:

The following items are NOT included in the fees listed above:

- Meals other than those included in the itinerary
- Optional entertainment and excursions
- Excess baggage charges
- Personal items, including telephone calls, laundry fees, room service
- Departure taxes (except U.S.)
- Passport fees

### 6. Other matters:

- Proof of a valid passport is due April 29, 2016: EITHER a color copy of the photo ID and signature pages of a passport valid through June 20, 2017, OR a receipt from your passport application.
- All North Central College students are covered under a secondary insurance policy (EIIA) and will be given emergency information and telephone contacts through American International Group international services.
- Every student participant is required to abide by College policies as outlined in the North Central College Student Handbook and by the rules listed on the course syllabus. If, in the judgment of a faculty member leading the course, a student has violated the course rules or College policy as stated in the Student Handbook, the student may be sent home at his or her own expense. In such circumstances, a student's parents may also be notified and additional disciplinary action may be taken by the College upon a student's return to the United States.
- All courses include required pre-departure sessions on campus and at least one follow-up session in January 2017 upon return.
- Final course assignments are due as specified on each course syllabus but no later than week 4 of winter term 2017.