CAS SUMMER IN BERLIN
A Cultural Extravaganza

In the hip Prenzlauer Berg neighborhood, housed in the architecturally distinct Kulturbrauerei complex (literally ‘Culture Brewery’) on Schönhauser Allee, Summer in Berlin students from across NYU and other universities critically engage with the city and its history in a six-week academic experience. The program is led by Professor Thomas Ertman, NYU Associate Professor of Sociology and Academic Director of the College Core Curriculum. Each year, Professor Ertman and dedicated NYU Berlin instructors support participants as they capitalize on the city’s many museums, art exhibits, vibrant neighborhoods, parks, and architecture to explore the city’s rich cultural history and Germany’s place in post-war, 21st century Europe. During the six-weeks, students take two immersive classes. They can choose from German language offered at all levels, to history, sociology and CORE courses that introduce the ideas and events that have shaped modern Germany. While not required for participation, language courses provide individualized attention, ample practice to increase fluency, and may help students fulfill graduation requirements. On a recent visit, the Elementary German I students showcased their skills in a Sprechen activity, displaying an enviable knowledge of German acquired in just a few weeks with Kien Englisch, Kiene Pause.

As with other CAS Summer Abroad programs, academics are enhanced by multiple excursions that build on classroom lectures. Berlin is often described as a city in transition, a city of memory and memorializing, and students certainly experience this phenomenon firsthand with visits to the Brandenburg Gate, art galleries on Museum Island, and many public memorials. Walking tours to explore the remnants of Third Reich buildings and the Berlin Mauer bring history to life as students discuss course readings with faculty in situ. Participants also have the opportunity to explore further afield with trips to Frederick the Great’s Potsdam, Goethe’s Leipzig, and a weekend excursion to Prague. In Kafka’s hometown, among the pristinely preserved medieval edifices of Old Town, students gain a comparative perspective of three cultures—German, Czech and Jewish—while considering the broader European context. With access to the state-of-the-art NYU Berlin facility, excellent course offerings, and the friendly help of knowledgeable staff, students are able to leverage Berlin’s many resources for a truly unique academic encounter.

David Bowie famously described Berlin as “the greatest cultural extravaganza that one could imagine,” and Summer in Berlin certainly leaves one with this impression. For your unforgettable study abroad experience, check out Summer in Berlin or one of the other exciting CAS Summer Abroad programs: http://www.nyu.edu/summer/abroad/cas.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, March 13–Sunday, March 19
Spring recess

Friday, March 31
Last day to Withdraw from a course
Last day to elect or revoke Pass/Fail

April 2017
Registration for fall 2017 courses

Monday, May 8
Last day of classes

Tuesday, May 9
Reading day

Wednesday, May 10–Tuesday, May 16
Examination period

Wednesday, May 17
NYU Commencement (tentative)

Thursday, May 18
CAS Baccalaureate Ceremony