

MARYLAND-IN-BERLIN

Study abroad in Berlin, one of Europe's most vibrant and cosmopolitan cities! Thanks to Maryland's partnership with FU-BEST, the Free University of Berlin's European Studies Program, Maryland students can take elective courses in English while improving their German language fluency. Past German experience is *not* required! Students on the program benefit from the mentorship and guidance of Maryland's Resident Faculty Director in Berlin.

Modern-day Berlin offers a spectacular diversity of cultural offerings, including museums, opera houses, concert halls and theaters, ample recreational opportunities, a first-class public transportation network and a vibrant nightlife. Free University is one of Germany's premier institutions of higher education, located in Berlin's charming southwestern sector.

ACADEMICS

Cross-Cultural Understanding between Germany and the United States (GERM389G – 3 credits)

Focused on the transition to life in Germany and taught by Maryland's Resident Director. Course enrollment is limited to Maryland students.

GERM439G – 3 credits

Maryland's Resident Director also teaches a content course at FU-BEST. All Maryland students are required to take GERM439G, but enrollment is open to all students enrolled at FU-BEST.

FU-BEST Electives

All students will choose one or two 3-credit elective courses from among FU-BEST offerings. All courses are taught in English. Available courses include:

- * Contemporary Germany in European Perspective
- * Integration, Conflict & Security in Europe
- * Central European Literature in Historical Perspective
- * Perspectives on 20th Century Art in Central Europe
- * German Cinema before 1945
- * The Human Condition and the Totalitarian Experience
- * Berlin: History, Memory, Literature
- * Islam and Europe: Historical and Contemporary Dimensions
- * Architecture in Berlin from the 19th Century to Today
- * Literatur und Film in Deutschland seit der Wende
(taught in German)



German Language

All students are required to take 6 credits of German language while in Berlin. Language courses are offered at the Beginner 1 & 2, Intermediate 1 & 2, and Advanced 1 & 2 levels. Students are tested upon arrival (unless absolute beginners).

PRE-REQUISITES

Students must have completed 30 semester hours of college credit and must have an overall GPA of 3.0. Maryland-in-Berlin is a Fall-only option.

ORIENTATION

Students are expected to attend a 2-hour pre-departure orientation at the University of Maryland. In addition, the on-site program staff conducts an intensive in-country orientation once students arrive in Berlin.

HOUSING

Students have the option to live with a homestay family or in a private studio apartment. All available accommodation is located on public transportation. The commute to the FU-BEST campus is typically between 30 and 45 minutes.

IMPORTANT DATES

- * Applications are due on or before March 31
- * Fall Semester: Last week August – Mid-December

For future information regarding specific program fees and application procedures, please visit www.umd.edu/studyabroad or call 301-314-7473.