Spring 2011

Special Topics Course: Design History and Culture in Europe ARH 250 (3 credits)

Optional International Field Study in Germany (May 14-23, 1 credit)
Berlin • Dresden • Hamburg • Potsdam

Travel to Europe next spring!

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This course surveys design culture in Western Europe from the interwar years to the present day. In the spring semester students will examine graphic and industrial design within the context of geographical, socio-political, economical, technological, and artistic forces that have impacted the profession and practitioners for nearly a century. Students will also examine design as a source of national pride, identity, and power in Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, and Switzerland.

This course fulfills a global perspectives exploration area and is open to all students.

Field Study Trip (1 credit)

An OPTIONAL 1-credit, 10-day field studies component is also offered, focusing on design history and culture in Berlin, Dresden, Hamburg, and Potsdam, Germany.

Application Deadline: Oct. 27, 2010

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“Special Topics Course: Design History and Culture in Europe” International Field Study in Germany: Berlin Dresden Hamburg Potsdam May 14 - May 23, 2011 Tentative Itinerary:

Day 1 >> Sat. May 14:
- Flight to Berlin, Germany  
  (flights costs additional to the program fee)

Day 2 >> Sun. May 15: (Berlin)
- Arrival at Berlin Tegel Airport
- Transfer by private bus from the airport to hotel
- 8 nights in twin bedded rooms with private bathrooms incl. breakfast at PLUS Berlin in Berlin
- Public transportation pass while in Berlin (zones AB)
- Guided walking tour of Berlin to get a first impression of the capital of Germany incl. the Sony Center to learn more about its history and architecture
- Welcome Dinner at a restaurant in Berlin

Day 3 >> Mon. May 16: (Berlin)
- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer by public transportation during the day
- Visit to a design studio e.g. Floor5 in the morning
- Audio-guided tour of the Bauhaus Archive of their exhibition in the afternoon

Day 4 >> Tues. May 17: (Dresden)
- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer by public transportation to the train station
- Roundtrip train ticket Berlin – Dresden  
  (travel time: approx. 2.5 hours)
- Public transportation pass for the day in Dresden
- Guided tour of the re-opened Albertinum
- Entrance to the art collection at the Städtische Galerie Dresden in the early-afternoon
- The rest of the day is free time to explore the city located on the river Elbe...
- Late-evening return to Berlin

Day 5 >> Wed. May 18: (Berlin)
- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer by public transportation during the day
- Visit to the design studio Hesign Studio Berlin  
  in the morning (arranged by Colby-Sawyer faculty)
- Entrance to the Berlinische Galerie in the afternoon to explore the exhibition on your own

Day 6 >> Thurs. May 19: (Hamburg)
- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer by public transportation during the day
- Roundtrip train ticket Berlin – Hamburg  
  (travel time: approx. 2 hours)
- Public transportation pass for the day in Hamburg
- Visit to hamburgundesign, an initiative of the city of Hamburg to enhance culture, sports and media
- Guided tour of the MKG Hamburg focusing on the design history of furniture in the afternoon
- The rest of the day is free time to explore the city and its canals on your own...
- Late-evening return to Berlin

Day 7 >> Fri. May 20: (Berlin)
- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer by public transportation during the day
- Guided tour of the GDR Museum to learn how Germans lived in East Germany before the fall of the Berlin Wall in the morning
- Visit to a design studio e.g. Weiss-Heiten Design in the afternoon

Day 8 >> Sat. May 21: (Potsdam)
- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer by public transportation during the day
- Guided tour of the Palace Sanssouci, Frederick the Great's summer residence, in the morning
- Afterwards free time to explore the historic city center and / or the Dutch quarter of Potsdam or return to Berlin earlier...

Day 9 >> Sun. May 22: (Berlin)
- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer by public transportation during the day
- Enjoy your last day in Berlin on your own...
- Ticket to the top of the famous TV tower “Alex”
- Farewell Dinner with fantastic views from the rotating restaurant on the top of the TV Tower “Alex”

Day 10 >> Mon. May 23: (Berlin)
- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer by private bus to the airport in Berlin
- Departure from Berlin Tegel Airport to the USA  
  (airfare additional to program costs)

Also included in the program fee:
- Cash allowance of 120 Euro handed out in Berlin
- Comprehensive travel health insurance included

Program Costs
(Fees are subject to enrollment numbers and will be finalized after registration)

Trip Program Cost......1,300 – 1,400 Euros  
(estimate range)

Airfare.....$800 - $1,000  
(estimate range subject to availability at time of booking)

Additional expenses: insurances, meals not listed above, gratuities, spending money, any personal/misc. expenses and extreme exchange rate fluctuations.

**Program price is charged by our partners abroad in Euro. We will convert from Euro to USD on the date the payment is made subject to the exchange rate. Itinerary is subject to change according to availability.**