COURSE DETAIL

JEWISH IDENTITY IN BERLIN IN THE 20TH AND 21ST CENTURIES
Country Germany
Host Institution Humboldt University Berlin
Program(s) Humboldt University Berlin
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) History German
UCEAP Course Number 161
UCEAP Course Suffix F
UCEAP Official Title JEWISH IDENTITY IN BERLIN IN THE 20TH AND 21ST CENTURIES
UCEAP Transcript Title JEWISH IDNTY BERLIN
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description
Over the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, Berlin has been home to a heterogeneous Jewish community, from “assimilated” German Jews during the Wilhelmine era, Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe during the Weimar Republic, and people of Jewish heritage who suffered under and sought to flee from the Nazi regime to a small post-war Jewish enclave in a divided Berlin and a vibrant Jewish community after reunification that now draws thousands of others from around the world to the city as their elective home. Through selected essays, satire, newspaper reports, memoirs, poems, photographs and graphic novels, the course discusses how Jewish identity has been negotiated against the backdrop of Berlin's ever-changing socio-political landscape. In addition to mapping the literary terrain of Jewish identity in Berlin, it pays special attention to urban sites that have played an important role in this process. As a result, this course pairs written works with a physical exploration of the city to paint a more detailed picture of the readings. Each week, students are asked to visit a specific site to explore the spaces that feature in the texts or that provide important historical context for discussions. By scratching the layers of history in the city, students also look at their own identity as elective Berliners and how they inhabit this city as members of the international community.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
2181298

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Host Institution Course Details

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