COURSE DETAIL

BERLIN: YOUTHFUL CITY
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 M
UCEAP Official Title BERLIN: YOUTHFUL CITY
UCEAP Transcript Title BERLIN YOUTHFL CITY
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description
Much of Berlin's population and economic growth during recent decades has been driven by an influx of young persons, from both elsewhere in Germany and from across the world. The city is globally renowned for its vibrant, youthful culture, its diversity, and the excitement of new possibilities in a place where history looms large. This course uses the theme of youth to explore Berlin's (and more broadly, German) culture and history. In other words, it provides a chance to learn about Berlin, to understand German history, and to reflect on different (and changing) forms of youth culture and the student experience. This course proceeds chronologically, from around 1800 to the present. It adopts an interdisciplinary approach, including articles by professional historians, works of literature, the visual arts, film, and music. It includes recent research on topics such as pop culture, childhood, families, generations, the sociology of universities, and counterculture. It explores the diversity of everyday life in Berlin and analyzes how children, students, and young professionals have been shaped by and challenged assumptions about nationality, race, gender, sexuality, class, religion, and politics. It roots all these topics in the ever-changing fabric of Berlin, encouraging us not only to better understand the society in which we live and the urban spaces we inhabit, but to see the city as a dynamic space, shaped by people both like and unlike ourselves. Most class sessions include an interactive lecture to provide historical context, followed by an in-depth discussion of the readings, in which all students are expected to participate. In the discussions and other class activities, students are particularly encouraged to make connections with their own experiences and the city around them.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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