

COURSE DETAIL

THE GERMAN COLD WAR

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

King's College London

Program(s)

King's College London

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History European Studies

UCEAP Course Number

122

UCEAP Course Suffix

N

UCEAP Official Title

THE GERMAN COLD WAR

UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

After its total defeat in World War II, a divided Germany developed differing forms of socio-political organizations in an attempt to find a sustainable response to the challenges posed by modern industrial society. While the East experimented with state socialism, the West implemented a liberal democracy. Yet despite their political division, the two German states remained deeply interconnected through economic linkages, a shared cultural heritage, and similar ambitions to redefine their nationhood and global position. This course explores their special relationship against the backdrop of the global Cold War. Topics include political consolidation, East and West European integration, consumption and identity, the role of the cultural institutions, social movements and dissent, immigration and ethnic diversity, holocaust memory and foreign policy, the collapse of communism and reunification. It engages critically with the attempts of both German states to deal with their problematic history, and the way history was used to legitimize the different regimes.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

5AAGB703

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Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/abroad/module-options/the-german-cold-war>

Host Institution Campus

King's College London

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed

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