

# COURSE DETAIL

## RADICAL BODIES, RADICAL DESIRES: SEX AND GENDER IN WEIMAR BERLIN

**Country**

Germany

**Host Institution**

Humboldt University Berlin

**Program(s)**

Humboldt University Berlin

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Women's & Gender Studies German

**UCEAP Course Number**

115

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

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**UCEAP Official Title**

RADICAL BODIES, RADICAL DESIRES: SEX AND GENDER IN WEIMAR BERLIN

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

SEX/GEND WEIMR BRLN

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

**Course Description**

This interdisciplinary course examines how gender and sexuality were experienced, represented, and contested in Weimar-era Germany (1918-1933). Drawing on a diverse array of primary sources - including theater, visual art, literature, film, and theoretical texts - students explore how marginalized individuals and communities navigated, expressed, and politicized their identities. Key topics include the emergence of sexual science and the conceptualization of the "third sex"; the proliferation of queer spaces, subcultures, and social movements in 1920s Berlin; intersections of gender, sexuality, race, class, and disability; artistic and literary depictions of gender fluidity and erotic desire; medicalization, criminalization, and the state's response to gender/sexual nonconformity; the rise of fascism and the violent backlash against LGBTQ+ rights. Through close engagement with primary sources and cutting-edge scholarly work, students gain a nuanced understanding of the complex, often contradictory dynamics that defined gender and sexuality in Weimar Germany. This course equips students with the critical tools to analyze the interplay between cultural production, social movements, and the politics of identity.

**Language(s) of Instruction**

English

**Host Institution Course Number**

42600075

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**Host Institution Campus****Host Institution Faculty****Host Institution Degree**

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