

COURSE DETAIL

FROM HEGEL TO HABERMAS: HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITY AND BERLIN'S PHILOSOPHICAL EVOLUTION

Country

Germany

Host Institution

Humboldt University Berlin

Program(s)

Humboldt University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy German

UCEAP Course Number

150

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

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UCEAP Transcript Title

BERLIN PHIL EVOLUTN

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course examines how the University of Berlin (now Humboldt University) became Europe's philosophical center, tracing its evolution from its revolutionary founding in 1810 through its various transformations. By exploring the dynamic relationship between the university's philosophers and Berlin's cultural and political life, this course follows how philosophical ideas developed within its walls and resonated beyond them. The course examines key figures who taught, studied, or lectured at the university—from Hegel's influential tenure and the Young Hegelians, through Dilthey's establishment of the human sciences and Cohen's Neo-Kantianism, to the philosophical responses to war, division, and reunification. Furthermore, students explore how the University of Berlin shaped major philosophical movements while being shaped by Berlin's dramatic historical transformations: from Prussian reform era through imperial expansion, from Weimar culture through Nazi persecution, from Cold War division through reunification. By examining philosophical texts alongside historical documents and cultural materials, students understand how the University of Berlin fostered philosophical innovations that responded to and influenced some of the most significant political and cultural developments of modern Europe.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

42600077

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Berlin Perspectives

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