

COURSE DETAIL

REVOLUTIONARY BERLIN: RIOTS, REBELLIONS, AND RESISTANCE

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

128

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

REVOLUTIONARY BERLIN: RIOTS, REBELLIONS, AND RESISTANCE

UCEAP Transcript Title

REVOLUTIONRY BERLIN

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This interdisciplinary seminar examines Berlin as a crucible of revolutionary thought and action across two transformative centuries. Rather than simply surveying historical events, the course investigates how revolutionary ideas—about the state, freedom, justice, and human emancipation—have evolved, collided, and been reimagined from the Napoleonic era through contemporary social movements. Students engage with canonical texts in philosophy and political theory (Hegel, Marx, Luxemburg, the Frankfurt School) alongside historical analysis and on-site exploration of Berlin's revolutionary landscapes—from the Berlin Wall Memorial to former Stasi prisons to sites of student uprising. Throughout, the course emphasizes critical connections between past and present, examining how Berlin's revolutionary traditions inform contemporary debates about surveillance, resistance, urban space, and democratic participation. Students develop skills in comparative historical analysis, philosophical argumentation, and critical citizenship, learning to recognize how understanding revolutionary history can illuminate present-day struggles for social transformation.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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42600098

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Host Institution Campus

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Host Institution Department Berlin Perspectives
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