



## APPLICATIONS & MORE INFORMATION

Information about the application process is available on the FSA program webpage:

[bates.edu/global-education/2018-fall-semester-abroad-programs](http://bates.edu/global-education/2018-fall-semester-abroad-programs).

Completed applications should be submitted by December 8, 2017 (for early decision) or by February 2, 2018 (final deadline).

# Bates

## FALL SEMESTER ABROAD

### HOUSING

Students live in homestays with local families in Berlin - extending the learning opportunities beyond the classroom and providing full language immersion. Homestays are the best way to experience Berlin. Students will stay in hotels or guesthouses during program travel to Russia and within Germany.

### EDUCATIONAL EXCURSIONS

Weekly excursions within the city, and travel to nearby sites of interest such as Buchenwald and Sachsenhausen are integral parts of the Bates Fall Semester in Berlin. In addition, an extended trip to Russia, including both Moscow and St Petersburg, is planned for October.

### FEES AND CREDITS

The Berlin FSA program is part of the Bates curriculum. The 2018 fall semester abroad in Berlin provides students with four Bates credits and a complete General Education Concentration (GEC) upon successful completion. Alternatively, students may count three of the courses (one language and two non-language courses) toward GEC 024, Modern Europe. All four courses may count toward the major in European Studies. We assume that students will study German, but Russian minors may substitute a Russian language course for German (Berlin is a multi-national, multi-lingual city, and one hears Turkish, Russian, Arabic, Polish, English and many more languages on a daily basis). Two credits may apply toward the Russian minor (Russian language and Utopian Fantasies/Dystopian Facts). Similarly, German language and the Berlin(s) course may count toward the German minor. German majors who are placed in an intermediate or advanced German language course in Berlin may count this toward their major. Ideology and Politics in Germany and Russia may count as an elective for Politics majors.

All expenses, including travel to and from Berlin and program related educational excursions to Russia, as well as meals and costs related to program cultural activities, are covered by the regular Bates Single Fee. Students need only additional funds, as desired, for personal entertainment and independent travel.

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Information on safety, security, and crime in Germany is available on the travel website of the US Department of State: [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov). Information on health issues and recommended immunizations is available on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website: [cdc.gov/travel](http://cdc.gov/travel). Students and families are urged to review the information on both sites.

## BERLIN

FALL 2018



## THE PROGRAM

The 2018 Bates College Fall Semester Abroad (FSA) in Berlin focuses on the current debate over globalization. Berlin is an ideal location to examine the intersection of the international and the national, the global and the local, the networked community and the isolated one. Throughout much of its history, Berlin has served as a safe haven for refugees: from 20,000 Huguenots in the late 17th century, to the more recent arrival of thousands of Syrian war refugees. From the Golden Twenties of the Weimar period to the vibrant arts scene of recent decades, Berlin has a well-deserved reputation as an urban studio for experimental artists from all over the world. And Berlin is one of the world's leading destination cities for people seeking a dynamic environment to begin or restart careers and lives. One in six residents of Berlin is foreign born, including some 100,000 Turks, 46,000 Poles, 40,000 Serbs, Croats, and Bosniaks, 19,000 Italians, 18,000 Russians, and 15,000 French to name a few of the larger groups. US born residents are also well represented with approximately 14,000 calling Berlin home. But does this make Berlin an integrated multi-national, multi-cultural community, or a collection of parallel communities?

Our program looks at the political ideologies that have shaped the European landscape for the last century, the cultural reaction to utopian visions of the early 20th century for national and international politics, and the social challenges facing individuals and communities seeking integration at a time when nationalist narratives are finding new proponents across Europe and North America.

## THE COURSES

Bates in Berlin begins in late August with intensive language study designed to help students of all abilities gain/improve proficiency and comfort with German (or, in some cases, Russian). Students will be placed in language course levels according to their abilities - from beginner to advanced. Students continue language study throughout the semester and take three additional courses taught in English by Bates faculty. The program ends in mid-December.

### IDEOLOGY AND POLITICS IN GERMANY AND RUSSIA

Professor James Richter

The cities of Berlin, Moscow and St. Petersburg are filled with reminders that they were once ruled by regimes that sought to reorganize society in pursuit of perfection, and killed millions in the process. Though visions of state-run utopias have fortunately fallen into disfavor, ideology remains an inextricable part of politics all over the world. This course examines the role of ideology in politics using Germany and Russia as case studies. The course first examines the interplay between ideas and politics under Nazism and Soviet-style socialism before venturing into a discussion of the persistent influence of nationalism, liberalism and populism in contemporary Europe.

### UTOPIAN FANTASIES/DYSTOPIAN FACTS:

*Everyday Life Under Hitler and Stalin*

Professor Dennis Browne

The long-term objectives of both Nazism and Soviet Communism can be seen as blueprints for utopian futures, albeit very different ones. Hitlerism proposed to address the perceived injustices of the Treaty of Versailles, and to correct the demographic contamination of Europe, rendering the state obsolete as the German people assumed their natural place at the pinnacle of a racially purified Europe. Soviet Communism (Stalinism) perceived itself as the vanguard of the international working class as it marched toward the inevitable classless society. Through screenings of futurist

cinema, and readings of dystopian fiction and autobiographical chronicles from survivors of Europe's most violent century, we examine the fear and terror visited upon everyday citizens by the Nazi and Soviet regimes.

### BERLIN(S)

Professors Richter and Browne

Few cities in the world have experienced the extremes that Berlin has in the last 100 years. From a legendary "sin city" of the 1920s, it became a captive urban canvas for Hitler's megalomania. Destroyed by the allies in World War II, occupied and divided, it was ground zero for superpower confrontations through much of the Cold War. For the last quarter of a century it has served as the capital of a reunified Germany, and has become a destination city for people from all over the world. Through a series of weekly guest lectures from community activists, scholars, and representatives of some of the larger ex-pat communities of Berlin, we examine the complex character of one of the world's premier global cities.

## BATES FACULTY

Dennis Browne is Associate Professor of Russian and European Studies. He specializes in contemporary popular culture in Russia and the western Balkans, paying particular attention to visual media, sports and music. He has organized study abroad programs from Lake Baikal in Siberia to the Dalmatian coast of Croatia, and has co-directed Fall Semesters Abroad in Croatia in 1999, Austria in 2010 and Russia in 2003, 2006, and 2013.

James Richter, Professor of Politics, has been on the Bates Faculty since 1987. His primary teaching interests have been in international politics, the politics of Russia and other formerly communist countries. He specializes in Russian foreign and domestic policy from the cold war to the present, and issues of memory and identity in the post-Soviet region. He has traveled extensively in Russia and Germany, co-directed Fall Semesters Abroad in Vienna in 2001 and 2006, and speaks both German and Russian.