

FU-BEST PROGRAM

INDEPENDENT COURSE PROJECTS

Note: each student must complete one specific project per course. A 3-page report should be handed in no later than the last regular session of the course before the final exam. When an entrance ticket had to be purchased, it must be attached to the report. Faculty can assign specific sites or provide a choice (see below); the assignment will entail a specific task or set of tasks that can only be completed by actually visiting the site in question. The report should conclude with the following statement (“I hereby declare that I have visited the site/lecture/event covered by this report and that I am handing in an original piece of work”) and the student’s signature.

FU-BEST 1: Contemporary Germany in European Perspective

- Deutsches Historisches Museum: comparison of presentation of FRG and GDR (1945-1990 period)
- “Wege – Irrwege – Umwege”: Exhibition about German political/parliamentary history (Deutscher Dom, Gendarmenmarkt)
- DDR-Museum
- Memorial Site Notaufnahmelager Marienfelde
- Grenz-Erfahrungen / Border Experiences (next to the Friedrichstraße station)

FU-BEST 2: Integration, Conflict, and Security in Europe

- Allied Museum
- Deutsch-Russisches Museum Karlshorst
- Museum “Haus am Checkpoint Charlie”

FU-BEST 3: History of Classical Music in Central Europe

- Opera / Ballet
- Concert (Philharmonie or Konzerthaus)
- Musikinstrumenten-Museum

FU-BEST 4: Perspectives on 20th Century Art in Central Europe

- Alte Nationalgalerie: German Roots – From Romanticism to Realism
- Berlinische Galerie: The Avantgardes

FU-BEST 5: German Cinema Before 1945

- Museum für Film und Fernsehen (Potsdamer Platz) or Filmmuseum in Potsdam
- Viewing a pre-1945 film at Kino Arsenal, the Zeughauskino or Babylon-Mitte

FU-BEST 6: The Human Condition and the Totalitarian Experience

- Gedenkstätte Deutscher Widerstand
- Topographie des Terrors
- Deutsches Historisches Museum

- Documentation Site for Nazi Forced Labor (Dokumentationszentrum NS-Zwangsarbeit Berlin-Schöneeweide)
- Remembrance and Memorial Site Ravensbrück (Mahn-und Gedenkstätte Ravensbrück)
- Memorial Site for the Berlin Wall (Gedenkstätte Berliner Mauer)
- Memorial Site Berlin-Hohenschönhausen (Gedenkstätte Berlin-Hohenschönhausen)
- Stasi Museum (Gedenkstätte Normannenstraße)

FU-BEST 7: Berlin: History, Memory, Literature

- Alexanderplatz
- Olympic Stadium

FU-BEST 8: Modern German History in European Context

- Deutsches Historisches Museum
- Deutsch-Russisches Museum Karlshorst

FU-BEST 9a/9b: The Promise of German Philosophy / Tragedy and New Beginnings in German Philosophy

- “Wege – Irrwege – Umwege”: Exhibition about German political/parliamentary history (Deutscher Dom, Gendarmenmarkt)
- Jewish Museum
- Technikmuseum (Science Center Spectrum)
- Deutsches Historisches Museum
- Bauhaus Archiv

FU-BEST 10: Islam and Europe: Historical & Contemporary Dimensions

- Şehitlik-Mosque (*Berlin Türk Şehitlik Camii*), Neukölln, Columbiadamm
- Museum for Islamic Art, Part of Pergamon Museum
- Turkish Market in Kreuzberg, Maybachufer
- Meeting „Salsabil“, a musical ensemble that performs classical sufi music

FU-BEST 11: European Business Cultures

- Media Spree Investment Projects
- New Berlin-Brandenburg International Airport BER
- Eco living project Schöneberg
- Starbucks Coffee Houses

FU-BEST 12: Architecture in Berlin from the 19th Century to Today

- Self-guided walking tour
- Self-guided walking tour

FU-BEST 13: Contemporary Cinema in Germany and Europe

- Museum für Film und Fernsehen (Potsdamer Platz) or Filmmuseum in Potsdam

- Viewing of a post-1945 German or European film at Kino Arsenal, the Zeughauskino or Babylon-Mitte

FU-BEST 14: Theatermetropole Berlin: Vergangenheit und Gegenwart

- Brecht-Waigel Memorial Site
- Attendance at several theater productions as integral part of the course

FU-BEST 15: Literatur und Film in Deutschland seit der Wende

- DDR-Museum
- Kreuzberg-Museum

FU-BEST 16: Themes and Issues in Transatlantic Relations

1. Report on Transatlantic Aspects in

- Allied Museum
- Deutsches Historisches Museum (1945-1990 section)
- Mauermuseum "Museum Haus am Checkpoint Charlie"
- Kennedy Museum
- German Film Museum Potsdamer Platz

2. Report on a lecture/debate/conference at the

- American Academy Berlin
- German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)

FU-BEST 17: European Legal Traditions

- "Wege – Irrwege – Umwege": Exhibition about German political/parliamentary history (Deutscher Dom, Gendarmenmarkt)
- Haus der Wannseekonferenz (exhibition)
- Haus der Demokratie und Menschenrechte (attendance at an event)

FU-BEST 18: Environmental Politics and Policy in Europe

- Visit to WBGU (German Advisory Council on Global Change)
- Visit to SRU (German Advisory Council on the Environment)
- Visit to a relevant session of European Affairs Committee of the German Bundestag
- Visit to the Berlin office of the European Commission (perhaps tied to a specific event there)

FU-BEST 19: Art and Dictatorship

- Olympic Stadium
- Deutsches Historisches Museum (DHM)

FU-BEST 20: Pop Culture: European-American Trends

- Ethnological Museum in Berlin-Dahlem
- German Film Museum Potsdamer Platz
- DeutschlandRadio Berlin

FU-BEST 21: European Traditions in Sociology

- Visiting/attending two International Workshops in Berlin

Social Sciences:

Social Science Center Berlin: <http://www.wzb.eu/aktuell/default.en.htm>

Political Party Foundations:

Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung: <http://www.fes.de/GPol/en/index.htm>

Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung: <http://www.kas.de/wf/en/71.3603/>

Heinrich-Böll Stiftung: <http://www.boell.de/calendar/VA-adminevt-en.aspx>

- Risk Perception: „Dangerous Places in Berlin“
- Coffee House Cultures: Social Contexts of an Everyday Activity

FU-BEST 22: Media Politics: Structures and Case-Studies in Germany and Europe

- Museum für Kommunikation Berlin
- Deutsche Kinemathek Berlin – Museum für Film und Fernsehen
- Media Use Reflection
- Media Use Survey
- Physical Newspaper Analysis

FU-BEST 23: History of Modern European Diplomacy

- Deutsches Historisches Museum (DHM)
- Deutsch-Russisches Museum Karlshorst
- Technikmuseum

FU-BEST 24: Europe in the Global Economy

- Representation of the EU in Germany, Europäisches Haus, Unter den Linden 78, 10117 Berlin (sign up for events and ask for info on economic integration)
- Friedrich Ebert Foundation (Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung), Hiroshimastraße 17, 10785 Berlin. Visit events like: Veranstaltungen zum Thema Außenwirtschaft, Wirtschafts- und Finanzpolitik http://www.fes.de/sets/s_them.htm (Most workshops and events on the topic are in English)
- Academy of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (Akademie der Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung), Tiergartenstraße 35, 10785 Berlin (visit workshops and talks within the Soziale Marktwirtschaft event series, <http://www.kas.de/wf/de/21.10/>)

FU-BEST 25: Jewish Legacies in Central Europe

- Jewish Museum Berlin
- Jewish Quarters in Berlin: Prenzlauer Berg & Mitte
- Jewish Life and History of Fasanenstraße
- Jewish Cemetery Weissensee

- Neue Synagoge, Oranienburger Straße
- Metro Station Westhafen & Heinrich Heine
- House of the Wannsee Conference
- Memorial at the train station Grunewald
- Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe

FU-BEST 28: Film Music – Listening Outside the Frame

- Museum für Film und Fernsehen (Potsdamer Platz)
- StummfilmLive im Babylon (Silent Film with Live Organ accompaniment every Saturday at midnight, Rosa-Luxemburg Str.)
- Another silent film showing with live music performance
- Concert performance of film music scores (Philharmoniker, etc.)