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INTERNSHIPS IN GERMANY
Krupp Internship Program for Stanford Students in Germany



“My internship with the Council on Migration Policies taught me a lot about German politics and about the significance of integration in the EU and in our globalized world. Interacting with Germans, both at work and at home (I lived in a housing co-op with three German women), taught me much more about their culture than I had learned during my winter study abroad. The Germany I know now is entirely different from my previous understandings and I know that my knowledge will only continue to grow”.

Tabatha Robinson (International Relations), internship with Migrationsrat Berlin-Brandenburg, 2010.

“I worked on a project that identified and received applications from over 40 think tanks from the Western Balkans. The goal was to increase communication between regional NGO think tanks and promote their involvement in domestic and regional politics of EU enlargement. I did everything from reading the applications, preparing summaries of EU progress reports, designing a scoring system for which think tanks would eventually receive funding, writing policy briefs, and other administrative tasks like writing e-mails and taking phone calls.”

Amer Handan (Political Science), internship with the German Council on Foreign Relations in Berlin, 2010.

Resources at the Stanford-in-Berlin Campus

By virtue of Germany’s complex history, its economic prowess, its leading role in the process of European unification, and its rich intellectual and cultural life, its capital city Berlin offers unparalleled resources for students of history, international relations, and political science. Stanford-in-Berlin exploits the venue aggressively, providing mentored access to sites and institutions that have marked this place historically and define it today—to governmental institutions, embassies, political think-tanks, NGOs; to museums, archives, and research institutes; to monuments, historic places, and the cityscape itself, whose scars and gaps provide a running commentary on Germany’s troubled legacies.



Memorial for historian Theodor Mommsen (1817–1903) in the front courtyard of Humboldt University Berlin



Deutsches Historisches Museum, Berlin

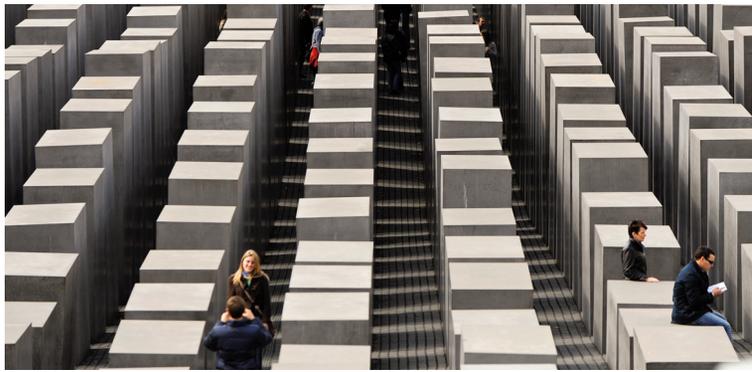
Courses at the Center are conceived from the outset as embedded learning opps in and with the city itself. Frequently taught courses of particular interest to students of history, politics, and economics (in addition to courses offered by visiting faculty from Stanford, CA), include:



- Berlin vor Ort (a weekly field trip focussing on Berlin’s historical sites)
- A People’s Union? Money, Markets, and Identity in the EU
- Shifting Alliances? The European Union and the U.S.
- Cityscape as History: Architecture and Urban Design in Berlin
- The Long Way to the West—German History from the 18th Century to the Present
- Culture and Politics in Modern Germany
- The German Economy in the Age of Globalization
- Identities on the move: Migrating from, in, and to Germany
- Directed work with a German specialist for students writing honors theses or other substantial papers on site-relevant issues, drawing on the Center’s extensive library and media collection
- In addition to courses at the Berlin Center, advanced speakers of German may select from the full range of offerings of local universities (see: www.fu-berlin.de, www.hu-berlin.de, www.kh-berlin.de).



Above: The popular dome on top of the Reichstag Building, since 1999 seat of the Deutsche Bundestag



Middle: Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, Berlin



Many of the extracurricular activities of the Center focus on historical and political issues. The three-day “H.G. Will Trips On European Expansion” take students to a new EU member state or candidate country each quarter, where they discuss the economic, political and cultural challenges of transition with policy specialists, political leaders, professors and local students; past “Will Trips” have engaged students with local specialists in Poland, Latvia, Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Croatia, Lithuania, Slovakia, Bosnia, and Serbia. In addition to these extended group field trips, the Center offers shorter, course-related trips sponsored by the “Helen and Peter Bing Grant for Cultural Enrichment” and by alumnus George Will.

The Krupp Internship Program arranges three to six month, fully paid internships with leading companies and institutions from all over Germany for students of any major/minor who have participated for at least one quarter in the Stanford-in-Berlin Program and have successfully completed the equivalent of one year of college-level German. The goal of this program is deeper immersion into German language and culture. Among the more than 1000 participants since 1982 were hundreds of students of the humanities and social sciences who completed internships in political organisations, research institutions, archives, museums, and in the media.



Internships provide first-hand experience and may help students decide whether they have chosen the right field of study or concentration. An internship abroad can enhance an academic record while providing a deeply enriching, personal experience at a key point in a student’s academic career. Students should not be intimidated by the prospect of working in a foreign language and culture—as students frequently report, that is actually the most exciting part! Countless cases prove that, with foresight, it is easily manageable to study abroad, complete an internship, and still graduate on time.



Right above: Soviet War Memorial, erected in 1945 by the Soviet Union to commemorate its war dead

Left: Rotes Rathaus: the town hall is an emblem of Berlin

“My primary duty was assisting with research on the period between 1815 and 1848 in political and social history. I was responsible for archival research, writing biographies and timelines, acquiring rights to citations and photographs, and obtaining pieces that would be featured in the exhibition. In addition, I was asked to research the global impact of World War II, particularly in countries that receive less attention in traditional historiography. The Krupp Internship provided me with valuable insight into the work of the professional historian, showed me the difference between historical research for scholarship and for museums, deepened

my knowledge of German history, and taught me about the past and current structure of the German Army. Throughout the experience, I learned a great deal about research, using archives, working with private collections, and managing copyrights, permissions, and usage restrictions on a wide variety of topics. The work environment dramatically improved my language skills, particularly in written translation. These skills will be valuable for me in further historical study, research for my honors thesis, and career.”

Michael Albada (History), interned with the Military History Museum of the German Army in Dresden, 2009.

Internship Opportunities

This is a brief selection of institutions that have provided internships in the fields of history and politics in the past; of course, there are also countless other areas and institutions in which students of these majors can intern.

History

- Berlinische Galerie, Berlin, <http://www.berlinischegalerie.de>
- Deutsches Historisches Museum (DHM), Berlin <http://www.dhm.de>
- Institut für Diaspora- und Genozidforschung (IDG)/ Ruhr-Universität Bochum, <http://www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/idg>
- Militärlhistorisches Museum der Bundeswehr (MHM), Dresden <http://www.mhmbw.de>
- Moses Mendelssohn Zentrum für europäisch-jüdische Studien/ Universität Potsdam, <http://www.mmz-potsdam.de>
- Zentrum für Antisemitismusforschung (ZfA)/ TU Berlin <http://zfa.kgw.tu-berlin.de>
- Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung Potsdam e.V. (ZZF), Potsdam, <http://www.zzf-pdm.de>

Political Science, Public Policy, International Relations

- Arbeitsstelle Transnationale Beziehungen, Außen- u. Sicherheitspolitik (ATASP)/ FU Berlin <http://www.polsoz.fu-berlin.de/polwiss/forschung/international/atasp>
- Der Beauftragte des Senats von Berlin für Integration und Migration, Berlin, <http://www.berlin.de/lb/intmig>
- Berliner Informationszentrum für transatlantische Sicherheit e.V. (BITS), Berlin, <http://www.bits.de>
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik (DGAP) & Journal „Internationale Politik“, Berlin, <http://www.dgap.org>
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Berlin, <http://www.giz.de>
- Ecologic. Gesellschaft für internationale und europäische Umweltforschung, Berlin <http://ecologic.eu>
- Grüne Liga Berlin e.V., Berlin and other cities <http://www.grueneliga.de>
- institute for cultural diplomacy (icd), Berlin <http://www.culturaldiplomacy.org>
- Migrationsrat Berlin-Brandenburg, Berlin and Potsdam <http://www.mrbp.de>
- Regionale Arbeitsstelle für Bildung, Integration und Demokratie e.V. (RAA), Berlin and Essen <http://www.raa.de>, <http://www.raa-berlin.de>
- Transparency International Deutschland e.V., Berlin and other cities, <http://www.transparency.de>

Political Parties

- Bündnis 90/ Die Grünen, Landesverband Berlin <http://gruene-berlin.de>
- CDU, Landesverband Berlin, <http://www.cduberlin.de>
- SPD, Landesverband Berlin, <http://www.spd-berlin.de>

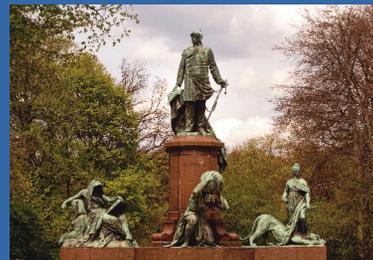
Zeche Zollverein:
the industrial
monument of
coal mining in
Essen is a World
Cultural Heritage
Site



Militärhistorisches Museum
Dresden,
redesigned by
architect Daniel
Liebeskind and
reopened with a
new permanent
exhibition in
2011



Allied Museum
Berlin: pieces of
The Wall and a
watchtower



Monument for
Otto von Bismarck,
Germany's first
Reichskanzler
(1871–90)



See also the fliers on Art & Media, Music, Pre-Med
and related studies and internship opportunities.

Soft copies can be downloaded at:
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