May Term in Berlin: Perspectives on Immigration & Diversity in Berlin
Thursday, May 11 - Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Application Deadline: October 15, 2016

Program Description: The Berlin May Term is three weeks of intensive immersion in the life and culture of the incredibly diverse city of Berlin. While there, students examine the ethnic, religious, and cultural diversity of the city. Focusing on the Afro German, African, Turkish German, Muslim, and refugee communities in Berlin, students attempt to determine first, how Germans define diversity and multiculturalism and second, how they respond to that diversity and address its attendant issues. The course examines the historical contexts of Berlin’s multiculturalism and considers its implications for all of Germany and for greater Europe. Students participating in the program do not need prior knowledge of German. All students will take a short intensive language course at the beginning of the program.

Course: German 399 Perspectives on Immigration and Diversity in Berlin. 3 credit hours (attributed to the Spring 2017 semester).

Location: Berlin, the capital of the Federal Republic of Germany, is one of the most interesting and exciting cities in Europe. Many visitors to the city, especially young ones, describe it as being “simply awesome” not only because of its many outstanding academic and cultural institutions, but also because in Berlin one can witness and engage firsthand in change. This is change that has had and continues to have a great impact in the city as well as in the rest of Germany and Europe. Berlin is a city that never stops moving, and those who visit the city never stop learning. Today Berlin has a population of around three and a half million, and many who live there have roots in dozens of countries from around the globe.

Faculty: Max Crumley-Effinger, International Student Adviser in the Center for Global Education, and Margaret Hampton, Professor of German, will lead this year’s program. Max has lived and worked in Germany through the U.S. State Department’s Fulbright Program and this will be his third time involved in the leadership of an Earlham off-campus program in Germany. Margaret, whose current research interests include People of Color living in Germany, has led many Germany/Austria programs and will be leading the Berlin May Term for the sixth time.

Living Arrangements: Students will live with host families during their stay in Berlin.
Orientation: There will be two to three orientation meetings during Spring semester. One of these meetings will be an all-day session. The time for these meetings has not yet been set and will depend on student and faculty schedules.

Costs: The course fee for this May Term is $2,800. Students are responsible for round-trip transportation costs to and from Berlin. Students are also responsible for additional expenses such as passport (required), personal items, additional travel, books, gifts, etc. Students will be charged a non-refundable enrollment fee of $350. Additional tuition fees will be charged if applicable. Students may apply for a May Term scholarship which is found at http://www.earlham.edu/academics/off-campus-study/. These applications are due October 15, 2016.

Application: Applications are due October 15 in the Center for Global Education (CGE) in LBC #131. Applications are available on-line at https://wildmanscience.wufoo.com/forms/ipo-may-term-application/ or in paper form in (CGE).

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