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Overview

Course location	Berlin
Teaching language	• English
Language level of course	• English: B2
Date(s)	• 26 July - 23 August 2025 (Registration deadline of course provider: 28 June 2025)
Information on dates, prices and mode of study	A non-refundable programme fee, in addition to the tuition fee, is applicable. The programme fee, which includes the social programme, is to be paid within one week after registration at the latest, along with the tuition fee.
Target group	Everyone is welcome in this programme. It is ideal for students who have a background in modern international relations, history, and supplementary courses on the world wars or global politics/history. However, the course is also designed for those without such training who have an interest in international relations. Students planning careers in diplomacy, journalism, or academia will find this course especially beneficial.
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Get to know the course instructor, **Dr Robert Teigrob**, with **this short interview** on our YouTube channel: https://youtu.be/aqPvzvT1eo0

About this course

Over the course of the Cold War, the city of Berlin was frequently at the centre of global tensions and a potential front line should the superpower rivalry descend into actual war. This course utilises the city of Berlin as a laboratory in which to examine the origins, nature, and conclusion of the Cold War that defined international relations between 1945 and 1991. We analyse the Allied occupation of the city following the Nazi defeat as well as the Berlin blockade and the airlift that helped solidify the divisions between East and West. Next, we will examine the workers' uprising of 1953 that provoked a Soviet military response. The following sessions will deal with the emigration crisis of the late 1950s that led the Soviets to first threaten a military takeover of the city and eventually to construct the Berlin Wall. Finally, we will look at the fall of the wall and the subsequent reunification of Berlin and Germany.

Field trips to important Cold War sites will permit students to gain a deeper appreciation of how the Cold War changed Berlin, and how events in Berlin influenced the wider international struggle. In order to place the interests and goals of the superpowers in context, we will also discuss the ways in which the Cold War rivalry affected Europe as a whole, as well as how it affected Asia and Latin America. Attention will be given to the role of international organisations such as the United Nations in world affairs and the changes brought about by the collapse of communism in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. In this way, we will examine the roots of contemporary crises. Students

Course details

Recognised language exams offered (e.g. DSH, TestDaF, TOEFL)	No
Other degrees / qualifications awarded	Certificate of participation
ECTS points (max.)	6
Average number of hours per week	12
Average number of participants per group/course	18

Costs / Funding

Dates and costs	 26 July - 23 August 2025 (Registration deadline of course provider: 28 June 2025), costs: EUR 1,300
This price includes	Course fees
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Requirements / Registration

Teaching language	• English
Language level of course	• English: B2
Language requirements	Students must be able to speak, read, and write English at an advanced intermediate level.
Submit application to	http://www.fubis.org/5_geb/anmeldung/index.html

Services

Is accommodation organised?	Accommodation is arranged by the organiser.
Type of accommodation	FUBIS can arrange appropriate off-campus accommodation for the duration of the programme as an optional service upon request. Accommodation options can be chosen during the registration process. Accommodation is subject to availability. Prices range between approximately 550 EUR and 1,350 EUR.
Is a social and leisure programme offered?	Yes
Description of social and leisure programme	 FUBiS offers a variety of extracurricular activities, which are included in the programme fee: guided tour of the Reichstag building and the Federal Parliament river boat tour through the centre of Berlin In addition, FUBiS offers optional excursions (for an extra charge) within Berlin as well as to other popular German cities.
Free internet access	Yes
Support in visa matters	No
Pick-up service from train station/airport	No

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