

## Berlin Program Orientation – Spring 2015

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### Goals for the orientation and how they will be achieved:

We have three major aims for the orientation program:

1. **To get to know each other.**
2. **To prepare for the academic component of the experience.**
3. **To get ready to travel and live in Berlin.**

### Expectations:

- Attendance at all meetings
- Full participation in all activities
- Completing reading/listening assignments

### Texts:

- Berlin City Guide (Lonely Planet, February 2015, available as a PDF, eBook, or printed text from the Lonely Planet Website). Recently updated and now in its 9<sup>th</sup> edition. We'll be reading sections of it, but you're welcome to read the entire thing from cover-to-cover. This'll be a good resource to have with you when we get to Berlin.
- Germany: Memories of a Nation (BBC Podcast, available for free on iTunes). We're only listening to about half of the episodes, which I've tried to group thematically as assignments for three of our meetings. However, the entire series is excellent, so if you enjoy the assigned podcasts feel free to go ahead and listen to the other ones as well.

### Apps:

If you have an iPhone, you may find the following apps useful for getting around/navigating in Berlin. Equivalent apps can be found for Android phones.

- BVG Fahrinfo (Free): The BVG is the organization that operates public transport in Berlin. This free app lets you plan trips, check departure times, and purchase tickets for immediate travel.
- VBB Bus & Bahn (Free): VBB is the umbrella organization that coordinates public transport for Berlin and the surrounding state of Brandenburg. This free app lets you plan trips, check departure times, and purchase tickets for immediate travel.
- Pocket Earth (\$2.99): A highly useful map application that allows you to download map data from OpenStreetMap along with Wikipedia entries. Very useful not only for finding your way around but also for finding information about local monuments, all without needing mobile internet access.

## Berlin Orientation Schedule Spring 2015

| Date                                    | Activity  |
|---|---|
| Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2014<br>3:30 – 4:30 pm | Introduction  |
| Tuesday, Feb. 10<br>3:30 – 4:30 pm      | <p><u>History of Berlin</u></p> <p>From “Berlin City Guide”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pages 35 – 40 (Berlin Wall)</li> <li>• Pages 248 – 265 (History)</li> </ul> <p>From “Germany: Memories of a Nation”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The View from the Gate</li> <li>• 1848: the People’s Flag and Karl Marx</li> <li>• Bismark the Blacksmith</li> <li>• Notgeld</li> <li>• Out of the Rubble</li> <li>• Divided Heaven</li> </ul>  |
| Tuesday, March 10<br>3:30 – 4:30 pm     | <p><u>Cultural Values and Expectations</u></p> <p>From “Berlin City Guide”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pages 30 – 32 (Living like a Berliner)</li> <li>• Pages 278 – 280 (Painting and Visual Arts)</li> <li>• Pages 281 – 283 (Literature and Film)</li> <li>• Pages 284 – 286 (Music)</li> </ul> <p>From “Germany: Memories of a Nation”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gutenberg: In the Beginning was the Printer</li> <li>• Luther and a language for all Germans</li> <li>• One Nation under Goethe</li> <li>• One People, Many Sausages</li> <li>• Bauhaus: Cradle of the Modern</li> </ul> |
| Tuesday, April 7<br>3:30 – 4:30 pm      | <p><u>Program Updates and Academic Expectations</u></p> <p>From “Berlin City Guide”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pages 82 – 83 (Reichstag)</li> <li>• Pages 266 – 277 (Architecture)</li> </ul> <p>From “Germany: Memories of a Nation”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Käthe Kollwitz: suffering witness</li> <li>• Buchenwald</li> <li>• The Germans expelled</li> <li>• The new German Jews</li> <li>• Reichstag</li> </ul>   |
| Sunday, April 12                        | Group Excursion/Dinner  |
| Tuesday, April 28<br>3:30 – 4:30 pm     | <p><u>Practical Issues: Packing, Appearance &amp; Decorum, Money, etc.</u></p> <p>From “Berlin City Guide”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pages 14 – 17 (Need to Know/First Time Berlin)</li> <li>• Pages 50 – 53 (Eating)</li> <li>• Pages 287 – 293 (Survival Guide)</li> <li>• Pages 294 – 298 (Directory A-Z)</li> </ul>  |