

Vanderbilt in Berlin/FUBiS 2016
Vanderbilt University
Program and First-Week Schedule (update 20 April 2016)

History & Culture of Berlin (GER 294a/170/1480)
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Program Dates: May 28 - July 16, 2016

Friday DEPART	May 27	DEPART from US for Berlin Tegel Airport (TXL)
Saturday ARRIVE	May 28	ARRIVAL in Berlin at Tegel International Airport (TXL) Pick-up at Tegel, briefing (welcome packet with transportation pass) Taxi to Akademia Residenz (reimbursed with receipt from taxi driver) BUY GROCERIES! Stores are open until 10 pm, closed Sun.
Sunday	May 29 2:00 pm	Welcome Day District of Berlin: Mitte Preparation for origins of Berlin: Read pdf files on Altberlin/Cölln. Meet at 2 pm in front of your building at the apartments Travel together to Alexanderplatz. Tour of Alexanderplatz and Nikolaiviertel (oldest area of Berlin) Dinner: <i>Kartoffelkeller</i> (Albrechtstr. 14 b) http://www.kartoffelkeller.com/cms/kk/front_content.php?idcat=56&lang=10 8:00 pm Musical theater visit to Berlin Ensemble: “Es wechseln die Zeiten. Eine Revue durch Brechts Stücke in Liedern u Gedichten” (Times are Changing. Brecht’s Songs and Poems) Potsdamer Platz: Italian ice cream at <i>Caffè e Gelato</i> http://www.caffe-e-gelato.de/de/eissorten.php Sony Center
Monday	May 30	Day 1: "History & Culture of Berlin" District of Berlin: Mitte and Prenzlauer Berg
	10:45 meet	Bring PASSPORT & apartment printed move-in email or contract. Meet on left side main entrance Parliament (Reichstag): BE PROMPT! You need your passport for the visit to the Parliament dome. (Pastries) Famous Currywurst: late lunch at Konnopke’s Imbiß in Prenzlauer Berg http://konnopke-imbiss.de/Hinweis.html

Buy cell phones (part of program fee).
To buy phone, passport & apartment move-in email / contract required.

Boat tour on the Spree River (if time and weather permit)

Tuesday	May 31	<p>Day 2: "History & Culture of Berlin" District of Berlin: Mitte & Schöneberg</p> <p>10:45 am Travel to Alexanderplatz Station Meet at Fat Tire: Go to the right under the TV Tower Day-long private historical guided bike tour of Berlin (if good weather)</p> <p>Non-bike riders: Visit museum on Museum Island, meet for lunch: Tiergarten at Schleusenkrug http://www.schleusenkrug.de</p>
Wednesday	June 1	<p>Day 3: "History & Culture of Berlin" District of Berlin: Mitte</p> <p>10:30 am free tickets and tour Museum day! Wear good walking shoes. Meet at Neues Museum (Museum Island) front entrance for guided tour (11:00) designed by David Chipperfield and built on old museum ruins. Nefertiti, Trojan gold, Egyptian mummies. http://www.smb.museum/museen-und-einrichtungen/neues-museum/home.html</p> <p>Lunch (if weather permits) at Strandbar in Monbijou Park (Fresh-baked pizza, beach chairs by the Spree River) http://www.amphitheater-berlin.de/strandbar.html</p> <p>arrive 3:15 Pergamon Museum (Museum Island) (Ishtar Gate of Babylon, large two-story marble Market Gate of Millet) (free tickets at 3:30) http://www.smb.museum/en/museums-and-institutions/pergamonmuseum/home.html</p>
Thursday	June 2	<p>Day 4: "History & Culture of Berlin" District of Berlin: Kreuzberg</p> <p>11:00 am Jewish Museum (Kreuzberg) Jewish Museum: http://www.jmberlin.de/main/EN/homepage-EN.php</p> <p>possibly: Bayerischer Platz: (Schöneberg) Holocaust sign memorial, Stih & Schnock http://www.stih-schnock.de/remembrance.html</p> <p>8:00 pm Berlin Philharmonic: Sir John Eliot Gardiner, Guest Conductor http://www.berliner-philharmoniker.de/en/concerts/calendar/</p>

Friday	June 3	Day 5: "History & Culture of Berlin" District of Berlin: Potsdam (SW of Berlin)
	11:00 am	Day trip to Potsdam: Frederick the Great's 18 th C Rococo Palace http://www.potsdam.de/node/276460
		Final exam with snacks and first-week party (place TBA)
		Possibly visit Türkischer Markt: Maybachufer, Kreuzberg (Tues. & Fri. 12- 6 pm) http://www.tuerkenmarkt.de
Saturday	June 4	Free day! Reading time for days 1-2 of Track A & B courses. FUBiS provides all course materials. You may need to print material in US for days 1-2.
Sunday	June 5 1:00 pm	FUBiS Welcome Reception A FUBiS guide will pick you up in front of your apartments. Reception begins at 2pm at FUBiS: Malteserstr. 74-100, D-12249.
Monday	June 6	Language placement tests & tour of Free University Day 1 of language courses & Track A courses (Mon. & Thurs.)
June 7 =>	July 15	FUBiS Courses (6 weeks)
Tuesday	June 7	Day 1 of Track B courses (Tues. & Friday)
Tuesday	June 21	Elevator to top of TV Tower (date depends on weather) District of Berlin: Mitte
	Time TBA	Spectacular view in revolving restaurant. Snacks. http://tv-turm.de/en/
Monday	July 11	Farewell dinner District of Berlin: Prenzlauer Berg <i>I Due Forni</i> (Italian restaurant) http://gogermany.about.com/od/foodanddrink/fr/IDueForniBerlin.htm (U-2 Senefelderplatz, walk S on Schönhauserallee; S of Kollwitzplatz)
Friday	July 15	Last day of courses Farewell reception 2-5 pm at FUBiS: Malteserstr. 74-100, D-12249
Saturday	July 16	Move-out day Fly home or travel on! <i>Auf Wiedersehen!</i> (Goodbye!)