Cornell in Berlin
Advanced Studies Abroad

LOCATION
• Berlin, Germany; Pop. - 3.5 million

PARTNER INSTITUTIONS
• Freie Universität Berlin
• Humboldt Universität

HOUSING
• Apartment
• Dorm

ELIGIBILITY
• 3.0 GPA or above
• Academic Year: GERST 2020, 2040, or 2060
• Spring: one 3000-level course

PROGRAM TERMS
• Academic Year or Spring

COSTS
• See website for current costs
• Includes tuition, housing during pro-seminar, excursions, activities, fees
• Financial aid applies
• Personal expenses, meals, travel not included

APPLICATION DEADLINES
• March 2 - Academic Year
• October 1 - Spring

PROGRAM ADVISOR
• Dr. Kristen Grace

LANGUAGE DIRECTOR
• Frau Gunhild Lischke

CORNELL RESOURCES
• cuabroad.cornell.edu/?go=Berlin
• blogs.cornell.edu/cuapam288
• Cornell Application

Berlin Consortium for German Studies

Studying abroad at Cornell in Berlin offers an incredible opportunity to master German language skills.

• Engage in intensive academic coursework at Freie Universität Berlin
• study Biology, Economics, Political Science & more
• Integrate into German culture
• Experience life in the new Europe through Berlin’s vibrant nightlife, art scene & fascinating history
• Full-time internships possible during February/March semester break
Academics

During their first semester (academic year or spring) students enroll in the following for a minimum of 18 points:

• **German Discourse and Culture, 6 points**
  Taken during the orientation period prior to the start of the German semester, this mandatory six-week course combines extensive language study with an introduction to the discourse of German academic culture, both spoken and written, in preparation for successful study in the German university system. Special attention is paid to practical vocabulary for both academic and daily living applications. Satisfactory completion is required as a condition of enrollment in courses at the FU.

• **Selected topics in German studies, 4 points**
  The Academic Director determines the topic of this course every year, based on his or her own academic interests and background. The course takes advantage of Berlin and its resources to inform the coursework. Past topics have covered history, art history, literature, theater, and cinema. During the spring term, a course on German-American relations is offered by the Resident Administrative Director.

• **Supervised study in the German university system, minimum of 8 points**
  Direct enrollment into at least two courses in the German university system. Based on the results of a placement exam taken at the end of the practicum, BCGS staff assist students in finding appropriate courses for their language level and academic interests.

Housing

• **Orientation**
  Upon arrival in Berlin, BCGS students stay together in a youth hostel for orientation weekend.

• **Guest Stay**
  During the first month of the program, students live with German hosts. The guest stay is an invaluable opportunity for students, providing a window into the daily rhythms and customs of Berliners.

• **Shared Apartments or Dorms**
  After the homestay, students move into FU-arranged dorms or they will have independently found an apartment share for the rest of their stay in Berlin. While apartment hunting can be challenging, most BCGS students choose to find their own shares because doing so provides another opportunity to improve their language skills, benefit from cultural exchange with their German roommates, and explore a different neighborhood.