

Nazareth-in-Berlin Residential Program

5. German History 1871 to the Present

Course Title: German History 1871 to the Present

Credits: 3

Subject Category: History

Program Name: Berlin Residential Program

Country: Germany

Host Institution: Studienforum Berlin e.V.

Description: Analysis of turning points of German history in the European context, beginning with the first German unification 1871 and the Bismarck era (Wilhelminian empire); empire growth and colonialism; causes of World War I, the troubled liberal democracy of the Weimar Republic until 1933. Special attention paid to Nazism, Anti-Semitism, the Holocaust and World War II during the Hitler period (1933 to 1945). Germany's place in the post-WWII Cold War, with a divided Germany, 1949 to 1989, and unification in 1990. Current developments in the emerging European Union. Attention will be paid to the historical backgrounds of current German developments. Course visits to museums and major historical sites in and around Berlin such as the German Historical Museum.