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Hist 3095. Special Topics, Holocaust: From Origins to Memorialization

Short-Term Study Abroad in Germany and Poland May Term: May 17-June 1, 2012

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Course Web Site: URL/TBA

Pre-Departure Requirements/Mandatory Meetings:
For all students there will be two (2) UMD orientation session regarding academic requirements and other matters pertinent to the trip as a study abroad experience.

Required Reading/Viewing (pre-departure):
Doris Bergen. War and Genocide / Christopher Browning. Ordinary Men
Nechama Tec. Defiance: The Bielski Partisans
Wladyslaw Szpilman. The Pianist
Film: Conspiracy, a reenactment of the Wannsee Conference.

Written Requirement (80% of grade), Participation (20%) You are required to keep a journal. The journal should measure no less than 9 1/2” x 7 1/2”. It can be bound, loose leaf, or spiral. Moleskins work well. Pages can be lined or unlined. Please, no vertical and horizontal lines together on a page. Use ink.
You will be expected to recount what you learn at each site, including references to presentations by guides and/or lectures by the Academic Instructor. Incorporate references to the pre-departure assigned reading where appropriate. You will be provided with handouts to assist you in addressing specific questions at each site, but generally you should be prepared to recount what historical events occurred at a specific venue, when, why, and how. Answer why the site is important for the history of the Holocaust. Include your own personal feelings and responses to the site and its associations. The latter will help you in processing material that will often be difficult and emotionally laden.
You need to be disciplined and focused to maintain your journal with consistency. The first submission of the notebooks is due on Wednesday, May 23, (Day 6). It will include responses and observations from the first five days. Final notebooks are due just before the return to the U.S. and will constitute the primary basis for your course grade along with consistent and focused participation.

Total grade = Notebook (80%) + Participation (20%)
Itinerary
Meals provided: all breakfasts, five dinners, three lunches

Thurs. 5/17/12 - Flight from Minneapolis to Berlin

Day 1: Fri. 5/18/12 - **Berlin**
Arrival/Transfer to Meininger Hotel Hauptbahnhof. Guided Tour of Berlin via motor coach.

Day 2: Sat. 5/19/12 - **Berlin** Motor Coach: Wannsee House, site of Wannsee Conference. Tour and lecture. Motor coach tour with emphasis on Holocaust and Jewish cultural sites. *Box lunch provided.* Tour of Jewish Museum. Dinner provided.

Day 3: Sun. 5/20/12 - **Berlin**
Film Museum, Potsdamer Platz. Lunch provided at Billy Wilder Café, Free eve. *The Abduction from the Seraglio; Mozart, Opera,* State Opera Unter den Linden 7:30 pm E53Euro optional

Day 4: Mon. 5/21/12 - **Travel**, Train: Berlin to Wroclaw 9:35 am – 3:11 pm. Guide from Wroclaw University to meet us at train station. Tram to Hotel Tumski.

Day 5: Tue. 5/22/12 - **Wroclaw** Guided tour of White Stork Synagogue and Jewish sites. *Restaurant dinner provided.*

Day 6: Wed. 5/23/12 - Wroclaw University, (Tentative Lecture: “Art and Identity Jewish Cultural and Visual Arts in Poland.”) Tour of related sites.

First submission of journals (comments from days 1-5)

Day 7: Thu. 5/24/12 **Wroclaw:** *Free day.*

Day 8: Fri. 5/25/12 - Auschwitz-Birkenau Motor coach: Guided Tour of the site + visit to the A-B State Museum. Return to Wroclaw. *Lunch provided.*

Day 9: Sat. 5/26/12 - **Travel** Train: Wroclaw to Krakow. 9:05 am – 2:11 pm. Guide meets us at train. Tram. Check into Hotel Royal. 6-7 pm – SKYPE HOME Free time to explore Krakow. *Restaurant dinner provided.*


Day 14: Thu. 5/31/12 - **Warsaw** Guide to meet us at hotel. 10 am-2 pm. Tour of Jewish Historical Institute and Ringelblum Archive. *Concert or farewell dinner provided.*

Day 15: Fri. 6/1/12 Fly to Minneapolis via Amsterdam

Journals Due