

## POL-291/PSY-291 (4 credits)

### *Special Topics: International Study Tour to Berlin, Prague, & Budapest*

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Spring 2024 (Travel Dates: May 13<sup>th</sup> – May 26<sup>th</sup>)



Students have an amazing opportunity to participate in a 14 day/13 night international study tour to the European cities of Berlin, Prague, and Budapest. This is an interdisciplinary course that brings together culture, history, politics, law, and psychology. The central theme of the course focuses upon the meaning and application of the concept "collective remembrance", or how contemporary societies such as these reflect upon their pasts through various physical and abstract forms. One aspect of that exploration will be a reflection on the Holocaust, paying special attention to understanding both broad historical events and socio-psychological factors, as well as how the lives and theories of influential psychological thinkers, and research ethics were shaped as a consequence. Some of the many sites that students will experience include:

**Berlin:** Brandenburg Gate, former Reichstag building, former East and West Berlin districts, Berlin Wall remnants, Check Point Charlie, Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp memorial, Pergamon Museum, Olympic stadium.

**Prague:** Prague Castle, Charles Bridge, Wenceslas Square, Jewish Quarter, Astronomical Clock, Old Town Square, St. Vitus Cathedral, Church of Our Lady before Týn, outdoor markets, memorial site to Czech Reformation-era theologian Jan Hus, Vseserhad Castle, and Terezín (Theresienstadt) Concentration Camp memorial.

**Budapest:** Buda Castle & Church, Hungarian National Parliament, St. Stephens Basilica, St. Matthias Cathedral, Heroes' Square, Communist-era Museum, and Dohany Street Synagogue.

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

- **Who may participate?** WLC students, faculty, and staff.
- **Are there any academic prerequisites?** None (including no prior language courses or aptitude)
- **How many credits is the course?** 4 credits
- **How and when will the course be taught?** Spring 2024 semester (8 campus pre-travel classes every other Tuesday from 12:30pm-1:50pm & onsite travel dates)
- **What is the cost?** **\$3,500** - Includes: airfare, lodging, breakfast each morning, local transportation, entrance fees to all sites, health/emergency and limited travel cancelation insurance policy (positive COVID-19 test prior to departure), transfer to/from WLC/Chicago O'Hare airport. The 4 credits for the course are also included in a student's overall Spring semester tuition bill. Excludes: textbook, dinners, personal spending money, passport origination or renewal fee (if applicable), travel visa to enter Europe, and required vaccinations (if applicable).
- **What is the payments process?** Payments are made directly to the WLC Business Office
- **Who should I contact for more information?** Dr. Jason Badura ([jason.badura@wlc.edu](mailto:jason.badura@wlc.edu)) or Dr. Wendy Close ([wendy.close@wlc.edu](mailto:wendy.close@wlc.edu))

**NOTE: THE STUDY TOUR IS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION OR CANCELLATION.**