

GERM BC3020
The Vienna Experience: Culture, History, Language



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Dates & Location:

Arrival: July 7; Class: July 8 to August 1; Depart: August 2

Students and faculty will stay at Kardinal König Haus, a seminar-facility near Schönbrunn castle in the 13th district of Vienna and will have the opportunity to continue to have interactions in German during breakfast and lunch before and after class meetings. Address: Seminarzentrum, Kardinal König Haus, 1130, Kardinal König Platz 3, Vienna, Austria.

Scholarships:

Scholarships for full housing in single rooms with private bed and breakfast and lunch on M-Th and \$1,200 towards student's flight expenses will be covered by the Barnard German Department. Additionally, generous scholarships for the tuition are available through the Barnard Office for International Initiatives for Barnard, as well as Columbia students. Scholarships are needs, as well as merit based.

Course description & features:

3 points course. This faculty led and team-taught study abroad course is offered in collaboration with Irene Motyl-Mudretzkyj (course director, Barnard College), Prof. Nikolaus Reisinger (Department of History, Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz) and Prof. Michaela Tassotti (Teachers College, Graz).

The content of the course is based on different sites of memory in the city of Vienna: Political Sites of Memory, Social Sites of Memory, Diverse Sites of Memory and Literary Sites of Memory. During this four-week study abroad language and culture course students will practice and expand their German-language skills by exploring Austrian culture, history and politics in one of Europe's most diverse cities. Students will experience language and culture first-hand by:

- analyzing how narratives about Vienna's past shape perspectives on the present
- getting to know different "sites of memory" that have defined Vienna
- exploring Vienna and its history in the present through research and field projects

Modes of Learning: Students will meet for three hours four times a week both inside and outside of the classroom. During their time in Vienna, students will gain insight into Austrian history and culture, apply, expand and practice their German-language skills through varied indoor and outdoor activities, site visits, guest lectures, as well as integrated excursions and research projects. Extra-curricular activities, e.g. theater, movie, museum and music event visits will complement the experience of language and cultural learning. In their free time students will have the opportunity to apply and practice their skills and explore the city and its cultural offerings on their own.

Pre-requisites:

Only students who have successfully completed at least the Barnard/Columbia German Intermediate II level courses (UN2102 &/or BC1212) or at least two years of College German language study or equivalent will be accepted into this class. Students who have successfully completed at least one language class on the Advanced level (3000+) level taught in German will be given preference. Please consult with Prof. Irene Motyl-Mudretzkyj.