The Emory University Department of Political Science offers a 6-week summer program on European Politics based in Berlin, the capital of reunited Germany. All courses in the program are taught in English.

The broad themes covered by the courses include the political life of the countries of contemporary Europe, including, civil society, representative and judicial institutions; and the role of the European Union and the effects of European integration on the political processes of European countries. The program also focuses on the politics of the rule of law, and the regional and national political challenges faced by European countries, such as migration, social welfare policy and human rights. Following four weeks of classroom instruction in Berlin, site visits to Geneva, Madrid, The Hague, and Brussels are planned where we will meet with experts and policy-makers.

The program is designed to educate students in the theory and practice of politics in Europe. The courses offered will include both a rigorous theoretical component developed through lectures and class discussion, and an applied, practical component realized through guest lectures and site visits.

Participating in the program will give students the opportunity to observe first hand the operation of political institutions in contemporary Europe. All of the courses offered were designed to take advantage of the unique opportunity to visit institutions and meet policy-makers and experts from across Europe. In addition academic site visits, a large number of cultural visits are incorporated into the program – including numerous institutions and museums in and around Berlin.

While the program is designed for Political Science and International Studies majors, students from all other majors are welcome as well. All courses count toward the major as regular on-campus Emory courses.
Courses Offered:

Professor David R. Davis
This course will provide students with an introduction to the politics of human rights in Europe. The course will focus on three human rights systems within Europe – national, regional and international. Particular attention will be paid to the interaction between the Council of Europe’s Court of Human Rights and the European Union’s recent efforts to protect and promote human rights. Site visits include the Office of the German High Commissioner for Human Rights, the International Criminal Court, and the Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

POLS 385: Comparative Political Institutions
Professor Jeff Staton
This course will provide students with an introduction to comparative political institutions. We will focus on how the rules that organize political societies (e.g. electoral institutions and constitutions) influence social cooperation, political order, representation and development. We will also introduce key institutions of the European Union and consider how they have influenced European politics. We will discuss the role of domestic and European institutions with policy-makers in Berlin, Madrid, and Brussels.

POLS 385: The Politics of Economic Decision-Making in Europe
Professor Mark Hallerberg
This course provides an introduction to decision-making in the European Union. We begin with a discussion of the main institutions and how they formulate, decide upon, and execute policy. We then consider how the Union makes economic policy in particular. We compare this capacity (or lack of it) with the economic challenges facing European countries. Our primary country cases will be Germany and Spain. We will discuss the role of the European Union with policy-makers in Berlin and in Brussels.

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