

# UT in Germany – Summer 2017

May 19 – June 22, 2017 (35 Days)

Explore Germany with Focus on

*Sustainability*

*Energy Production / Energiewende\**

*[\* turn around in energy policy // transition to sustainable energy production]*

*Nature Protection and Conservation*

*While staying in major cities like*

**Munich, Mannheim, Cologne, Hamburg, & Berlin**

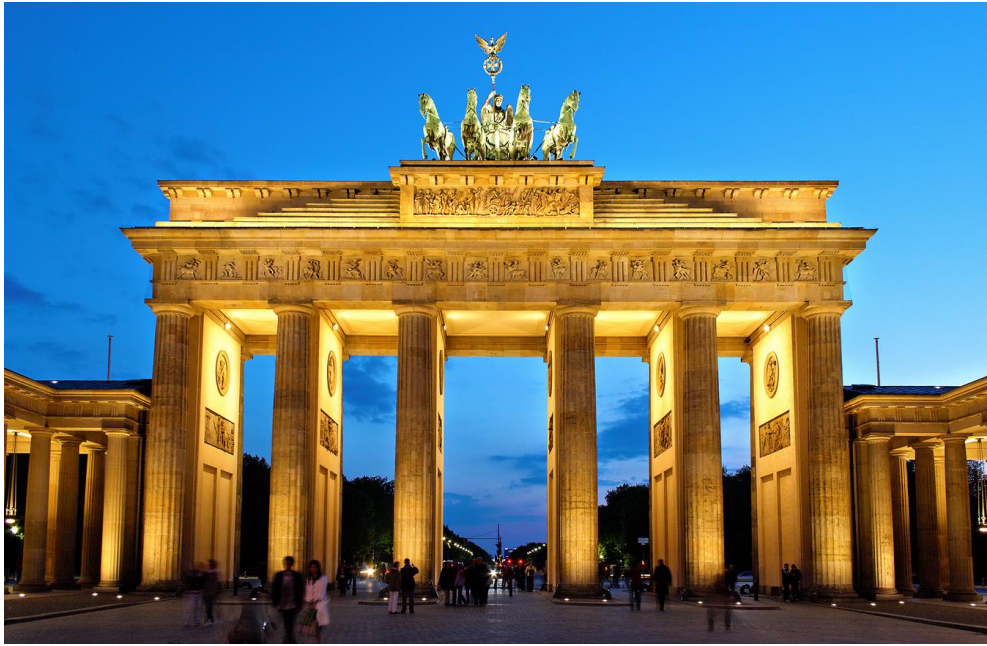
## Program Location and Description

During this study-abroad program we will travel by train across Germany, and we will have our home-bases in some of the most attractive cities in Germany, including Munich, Cologne, Hamburg, and Berlin. During our 35-day trip (May 19 – June 22, 2017), we will visit research centers, companies, museums, and other cultural institutions, as well as universities, and while doing so we will discuss and explore sustainability-related topics with German scientists, artists, curators, and students. There will, of course, also be some time for general sightseeing in Munich, Cologne, Hamburg, and Berlin.



During our site-visits, students will focus on research, (political) programs and strategies, as well as the implementation of plans that are aimed at dealing with sustainability, the environment, climate-change, and energy production & consumption. One of the highlights of this trip will be a 9-day stay in Munich where we will "live" in the German Museum in the heart of Munich where we will work with scientists and curators of the 2017 exhibit "Energie.wenden" (Energy Transition & Change) as well as with researchers and scientists from the Deutsche Museum (German Museum), the LMU München (University of Munich), and the Rachel Carson Institute. [ <http://www.deutsches-museum.de/en/exhibitions/special-exhibitions/preview/energiewenden/> ]

Throughout this trip, we will go on many excursions to experience first-hand "energy change in action" and "sustainability concepts at work", and we will, at the same time, also make sure to explore some of the major cultural attractions in and around the centers we visit.



## Academics

Students will receive a total of 6 credit hours that can be allocated as follows:

- 6 credit hours for GERM 491 (Foreign Study)
- 6 credit hours for GEOL 493 (Independent Study)
- 3 credit hour for UNHO 491 (Foreign Study) plus 3 credit hours for GERM 491 (Foreign Studies)
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- Students can petition that the approved courses fulfill a requirement in a different department.
- Additional Information: All activities will be conducted in English; knowledge German is not a prerequisite to participate in this trip. However, students who know German and will find many opportunities to practice their German while on this trip.



Through a combination of lectures, readings, discussions, field trips, experiential learning opportunities, and research projects, students

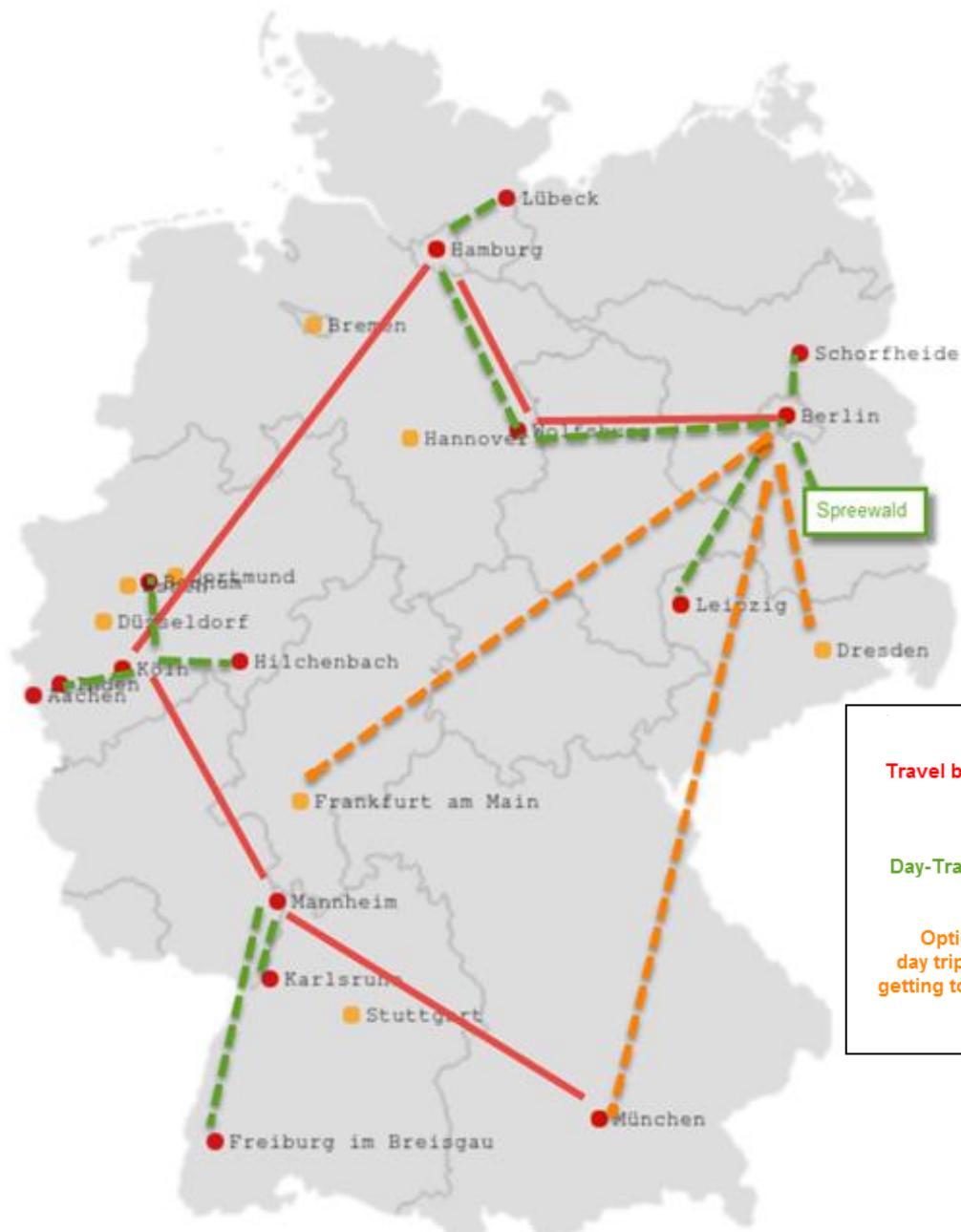
- will experience how sustainability concepts are implemented in many facets of everyday-life in German society,
- will learn how Germany is planning to opt out of nuclear energy by focusing on and promoting alternative energy sources
- will develop an understanding of how Germany is dealing with the conservation and preservation of natural landscapes, and the protection of wildlife
- will develop a deeper understanding of what “Energiewende” means in the German context
- will get to know how it feels to live in some of the culturally most vibrant cities in Germany like Berlin, Munich, Cologne, and Hamburg.



## Accommodation

Students and faculty will stay in youth hostels in Berlin, Hamburg, Cologne, and Mannheim. We will stay at the Kerschensteiner Kolleg in the German Museum (*we will live in the museum*) while in Munich.

## Tour with Major Stops



**Red Lines:**  
Travel by train to places where we stay overnight

**Green Lines:**  
Day-Travel out of a city where we stay

**Orange:**  
Options for the 10th train ticket day trip to Dresden (out of Berlin) or getting to an airport to fly back to the US

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