German Intensive course: German Culture and Area Studies B1-B2

This course provides lectures and seminars with different perspectives on German culture, everyday life and history. At first you will have the opportunity to get familiar with the city of Berlin and its inhabitants on the basis of district stories. Furthermore, we will explore Germany’s recent history. Besides discovering the historical background of the construction of the Berlin wall you will get an insight into the everyday life in the GDR. In the third part of the course, you will trace Jewish life in Germany by looking at both the history of Judaism in Germany and the life of young Jews in Berlin. Finally, we will focus on film as a medium to transport feelings, knowledge and culture. You will get an insight into the current German film scene and work on various film formats such as feature films, short films and advertising films as well as music videos. During excursions to historical sights and museum visits you will experience the vivid culture, everyday life and history of Germany and its capital.

Instructor:

Jan Steffen

since 1998 Lecturer in German as a Foreign Language (DaF) / German as a Second Language (DaZ) in Germany, Denmark, Sweden
since 2000 city guide in DaF / DaZ and Swedish with topics on German history (mainly Berlin neighborhoods, Berlin Wall, DDR Staatssicherheit)
since 2003 Telc-Examiner for the language levels B1 to C1
2005 Graduation in the Master's degree in German Linguistics, German as a Foreign Language, Scandinavian Studies at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
2007 - 2010 Lecturer/Coach for Swedish German teachers on German history in Jönköping County, Sweden

Course details:

German class in the morning:
80 credit hours
Monday to Friday, 09.00 am – 12.30 pm

Academic lessons in the afternoon:
20 credit hours
two to three times a week, Tuesday to Thursday, 01.30 pm – 03.00 pm