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# Language course/short course



## An Iron Kingdom? History and Legacy of the Prussian Expansion

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin • Berlin

### Overview

Course location	Berlin
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Language level of course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English: B2</li></ul>
Date(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>15 July - 9 August 2024 (Registration deadline of course provider: 15 May 2024)</li></ul>
Information on dates, prices and mode of study	Check <a href="#">fees and funding</a> for more details.
Target group	Undergraduate students of all relevant subjects with a strong interest in the course topic
Description/content	<p>Set in the shadow of the reconstructed Prussian City Palace, this course will give an overview of the history, the legacy, and the memory of the “Iron Kingdom”. It will embed Prussia into the history of both Germany and Europe more broadly – explaining the continuous rise of this entity by looking at its geopolitics as well as its geography, economy, military, religion, science, and culture.</p> <p>We will follow the development of Prussia from a small duchy beyond the Eastern periphery of the Holy Roman Empire to one of the most powerful kingdoms at the centre of Europe. Much of European history since the Thirty Years’ War can indeed be understood as a function of this “Prussian Expansion”, a fateful development that upended the traditional balance of power and ultimately led to the creation of a monster at the heart of Europe: Imperial Germany, hell-bent on acquiring the great power status it thought it deserved. But there is another, less tragic story that can also be told about Prussia: one of enlightened culture, of world-renowned education and universities, of state modernisation and democratic rights, which continues to this day. Between Königsberg, Potsdam, and Berlin, a particular worldview took shape that was both distinctly Prussian and German as well as cosmopolitan.</p> <p>Humboldt University was the centre of this “Berlin Classicism”, but we will look for this legacy (and how it is remembered) in other parts of the Prussian capitals as well.</p>

### Course details

Recognised language exams offered (e.g. DSH, TestDaF, TOEFL)	No
Other degrees /	Certificate of participation

qualifications awarded	
ECTS points (max.)	6
Average number of hours per week	15
Average number of participants per group/course	18

## Costs / Funding

Dates and costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15 July - 9 August 2024 (Registration deadline of course provider: 15 May 2024), <b>costs: EUR 840</b></li> </ul>
This price includes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accompanying programme</li> <li>Course fees</li> </ul>
Information on dates, prices and mode of study	Check <a href="#">fees and funding</a> for more details.

## Requirements / Registration

Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English</li> </ul>
Language level of course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English: B2</li> </ul>
Language requirements	This course is taught in English, including readings in English. In order to understand the texts and participate in the discussions in class, a language level of B2 (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) is required.
Submit application to	<a href="https://hic.hu-berlin.de/en/huwisu">hic.hu-berlin.de/en/huwisu</a>

## Services

Is accommodation organised?	The organiser helps participants look for accommodation.
Meals	Inexpensive meals are available in the cafeteria of Humboldt University.
Is a social and leisure	Yes

## programme offered?

### Description of social and leisure programme

HUWISU offers a fine selection of interesting extracurricular activities and aims to give all participants an unforgettable stay in Berlin. The programme includes excursions, sport activities, and social gatherings providing you with the opportunity to get to know the city, the university, and your international classmates better. The cost for these offerings is included in the course fee.

### Free internet access

Yes

### Support in visa matters

Yes

### Pick-up service from train station/airport

No

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