

JOU4930-Special-Study-Berlin-Study-Abroad: May 12–May 25, 2023,
University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications

Assoc. Prof. John Freeman, XXX-XXX-XXXX (iPhone); T.A. Daron Dean, XXX-XXX-XXXX (Android) -- You are staying at the [Transit Loft-Hotel, Immanuelkirchstrasse 14a](#), in district Prenzlauerberg.

This course introduces you to journalistic newsgathering in an international setting, “Boots on the Ground.” Much preparation will happen before the on-site visit. History will be recapped, qualities of good photojournalism will be explained, and all trip details will prepare you for field research with a camera.

The bulk of your work will be producing a 90-second slideshow with narration by a Berliner. It will be posted online and featured in a Blurb book. You are to ask the subject – who could be anybody with a story to tell – why they are in Berlin and what’s unique about the city. All 20-30 photos should be candid and not posed. Show their typical daily life, at work, in a park, with friends or relatives. Vary angles and size of the person. Also, you’ll capture 10 random photos (“Faces and Places”) from various points of interest throughout the city. You’ll also write text about your featured Berliner for the book version of your project. See examples here from the 2022 course:

[University of Florida - Berlin 2022 Study-Abroad Photojournalism Program \(ufl.edu\)](#)

GRADING FOR THE COURSE:

1. PROFILE PROJECT (60%) – Are the photos horizontal, interesting, sharp and clear? Is the show well-paced and within the time limit of 90 seconds? Do the words match up with the pictures we are seeing? Is the subject’s voice clear? Have you also integrated ambient (natural) sound into the audio –background sounds in places? Does the person

address why he or she is in Berlin, and what's special about it? Be sure to ask them.

2. TEN RANDOM PHOTOS (10%) – Do they capture the atmosphere and spirit of Berlin? Have you included people in most of the pictures? Does each photo look different from the others? These could be selected for the GALLERY online link, and back of the book.

3. TEXT (10%) – Did you write the short text story about your subject for the book following all guidelines? Right typeface, font size? Proper number of lines and or words? (This information will come in a separate email).

4. PARTICIPATION/BEHAVIOR (20%) – Were you an active listener with the two professional speakers? Scheduled this year: International Illustrator Christoph Niemann and Bloomberg News Editor David Rocks). Were you on time to everything? Did you cause any trouble at the hotel or somewhere along the trip? (I hope not.)

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**** TENTATIVE** schedule — subject to weather, unplanned opportunities, etc. ** (updated May 9)**

FRIDAY, May 12 – Arrival and settle in; Visit ATM if necessary; get electronics at Saturn or Media Markt. Hotel check-in. Don't take a nap! Stay up! Leave hotel lobby at 4pm, take M4 and M10 trams to Bernauer Wall Park Memorial/Tower, <http://www.berliner-mauer-gedenkstaette.de/en/> This preserved death strip shows what The Wall was like. Visitors are quiet and solemn seeing sad historical photos of people trying to escape the East. Please be respectful. About 7pm, take M10 tram to Eberwalderstrasse S-Bahn stop, have dinner outside at

[“Prater,”](#) at your expense, menu is in English. This is Berlin’s oldest Biergarten – cash only! Then 30-minute walk back to hotel, with possible stop for Italian ice cream if you are good kids. Now go to sleep!

SATURDAY, May 13 – Leave hotel at 10:30am for 11am Fat Tire Bike Tour toward former East, four hours long; ride is about eight miles, mostly flat; three-speed Cruisers, paid group Mediterranean Turkish lunch (10-euro max. per person) along the route, about 1-1:30pm. Return to TV Tower by 4pm. Maybe do a picnic dinner and sunset watching at Viktoria Park if the group energy is good, and weather cooperates. 45-minutes to get there.

SUNDAY, May 14 – Leave hotel at 10:30am for M4 Tram. We have 11am Discover Walks Tour, seeing areas not on the Bike Tour. Visit Brandenburg Gate, Memorial to Murdered Jews of Europe, etc. We’ll have one coffee/pastry/restroom stop. Tour ends at Checkpoint Charlie about 2-2:30pm. LATE LUNCH is on your own; various options nearby. Then – FREE TIME/WORK TIME, but optional and highly recommended is [Mauer Park](#). It’s a great Flea Market with old East items, street food and Karaoke in the amphitheater. Take the M10 tram, get off at Friedrich-Ludwig-Jahn Sport Park. Dinner tonight is on your own. Up the street from hotel (turn left out of driveway, go uphill) are a couple Indian restaurants. If staying at hotel, DOMINO’S PIZZA delivers to lobby. See the front desk for help ordering. Sizes: 30cm = 12-inches. Ask for your pizza to be cut into pieces when ordering, or it comes unsliced.

MONDAY, May 15 – (BRING YOUR PASSPORT today) – Be in lobby at 10:15am. Leave hotel at 10:30am for 11am meeting with [Bloomberg News](#) editor-at-large [David Rocks](#). He’s been overseas many years, including a freelance journalism stint in Prague. Then walk to [Reichstag](#), be-there time 1:15pm. There is airport-type security check to see Germany’s capital building. Stay as long as you like. Lunch on your own

afterwards. The nearby [Pavilion Café](#) in Tiergarten Park has good cafeteria-style food. Ask cashier for a “chip” to visit the restroom free, otherwise it’s 50-cents to get past the turnstile. Then FREE TIME/WORK TIME.

TUESDAY, May 16 – Most of daytime is FREE/WORK TIME, but evening activity is the [musical revue Arise](#). Meet in hotel lobby at 5:50pm for headshots (Daron taking them) for the website/book. “Dress up” if you want to. We must walk out of lobby by 6:20pm to take two trams to the 7:30pm performance. We’ll try to arrive early so you can grab a sandwich/ pretzel near [Friedrichstadt-Palast](#). After the show, 10pm, FREE TIME.

WEDNESDAY, May 17 – Daytime is FREE/WORK TIME, but at 4:30pm (meet in lobby), we’ll head to see illustrator Christoph Niemann’s studio at 5:30pm. He is big-time. New Yorker magazine, New York Times, etc. Address: [Schroederstrasse 2](#). Website: <http://www.christophniemann.com/portfolio/> -- Then a paid group dinner: walk to [Delores Burritos](#). It’s like Moe’s or Chipotle’s. FREE TIME/WORK TIME afterwards. You’ll be within walking distance of Alexanderplatz/TV Tower area.

THURSDAY, May 18 – This day is open at the moment. FREE TIME/WORK TIME. Perhaps a good day to work on Projects. “Ascension” holiday. Limited public transportation and some closed stores. * Possible trip to [Berliner Dom](#), then (pending) GROUP DINNER at Al Dente (Italian) near the hotel. (Try to keep noise down).

FRIDAY, May 19 – FREE TIME/WORK TIME in morning and afternoon. But evening activity is Riverboat [Dinner Cruise](#) (paid group dinner). We have to leave lobby at 4:30pm for the 6:15 pm departure. Two trams and some walking through a park. Please try to keep down noise during

the dinner cruise because there is recorded narration in German and English. It's over about 9:30pm. FREE TIME.

SATURDAY, May 20 – FREE/WORK TIME, but full-day optional outing with Prof. Freeman if interested: Leave hotel at 11am. Flea Market Charlottenburg, [Mercedes World showroom](#), long S-Bahn ride and 30-minute walk to [Teufelsberg](#) NSA Spy Station (8 euros), back to Bombed-out Church in West before 6pm, KaDeWe store.

SUNDAY, May 21 – FREE TIME/WORK TIME. Optional outing for 11 of us if you signed up: Classical Music Night. Leave lobby at 6 p.m. often time for a [Doner Kebab](#) near the Venue. The 8 p.m. show runs until 10 pm.

MONDAY, May 22 – (Pentecost Holiday?) – Open at the moment for FREE TIME/WORK TIME. Possible excursion to “Dark Matter” art exhibition if it is open. Possible group dinner. Playing it by ear for now.

TUESDAY, May 23 – We need to leave the Hotel Lobby at 7:30pm for the (paid) TV Tower dinner at starting at 8:15pm. (Yes, it's the grand finale' dinner one day early). Do not bring water bottles or backpacks. There is airport-style security to take the elevator up. We'll have a few minutes on the viewing level before taking stairs up to dinner. Your meal was pre-ordered: beef or fish. Water and soft drinks can be ordered. FREE TIME afterwards, and/or finalize work to be turned in tomorrow/Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY, May 24 – All work is due at 2pm today: Put on the class thumb drive, in YourStuff folder: the slideshow as an .mp4, 10 single photos, all photos used in the slideshow, and the text block paragraph in Word per instructions. Daytime is FREE TIME, but we may have funds for one more group dinner at “Asia Tiger” nearby, probably at 7pm. So keep in touch. **THEN: FREE TIME/LAST NIGHT/BE SAFE **

THURSDAY, May 25 – Ya Gotta Go! You're on your own, and can find your way to the airport or wherever you are going by now. Public transportation starts running at 4am or the front desk can call a taxi for you and they'll be out front within 10 minutes. For early departures (6am), I recommend a cab; estimated 50 euros divided by 2-3 people is fairly cheap and easier than the tram/bus. Leave for the airport at least three hours before flight time. If taking the public transportation, your ABC-Zones transportation pass is still valid; the last day! "Tschuss!" ->> English: Bye, Bye.

IMPORTANT NOTE: At various times during the two weeks, we'll be checking with you about your single photos and project shots, audio, etc. This will happen often at breakfast, sometimes in the evening. KEEP IN TOUCH and ask questions if you need help. Do not wait until the last minute and panic. There are many available activities NOT on this schedule: If the weather is nice, a sunset-watching picnic in Viktoria Park, where there is a man-made waterfall. A trip to Lake Wannsee and ferry boat. Trip to [Mercedes World](#), [KaDeWe](#) department store and Bombed-out Church in the West. Also, one unscheduled PAID group dinner. If you have free time: Tiergarten Park? [Zoo](#)? [Sachenshausen concentration camp](#)? [Floating restaurant](#)? [Ritter Sport Chocolate shop](#) (make a custom bar?) [Teufelsburg](#) abandoned NSA station. [Potsdamer Platz and Sony Center](#). Botanical Garden. Underground tunnel tours. See the city! Make memories!