



CIEE Study Abroad

Course title:	Monument, Memorial, and Public Space in Germany
Course number:	ARCH 3001 CIEE / HIST 3104 CIEE
Programs offering course:	CIEE Summer Online
Language of instruction:	English
U.S. Semester Credits:	3
Contact Hours:	45
Term:	Summer 2020

Course Description

This studio explores the role design plays in shaping the buildings, cities, and systems of the Anthropocene. The host city and project site are viewed as a living laboratory for experimentation and design speculation. For the first time in history, the majority of human population now lives in cities, a milestone that coincides with the awareness that Earth's systems are increasingly influenced by human activity. This studio supposes extreme solutions to an extreme predicament, asking the question: How will future cities simultaneously serve demanding human populations and support natural systems? The course provides students with a theoretical framework from which to develop a program and conceptual architectural design. Critical theories are discussed, and the domain of traditional architecture is expanded to include related disciplines, especially ecology. Project sites are selected based on significance in dynamic ongoing development in Berlin. Students receive training in software for digital design, environmental analysis, and rapid prototyping. The course is taught "vertically," meaning that students are assessed individually per their level of experience.

Learning Objectives

By completing this course, students will:

- Combine imaginative and critical thinking skills to complete a comprehensive project.
- Conduct research and analysis to create an informed argument.
- Formulate and articulate a clear position on the course subject matter.
- Develop essential technical knowledge for the making of architecture and for communicating intentions graphically.
- Evaluate the cultural, architectural, technical, and historical ramifications of projects.

Course Prerequisites

None.

CIEE Summer Online courses will involve asynchronous instruction. Instructors will apply theory and deliver the learning objectives using a rich array of online teaching methods and resources from CIEE host countries and communities. Full details, including dates and deadlines for assessments, will be provided in the final syllabus shortly before online learning begins.