



## **OVERVIEW OF ARCHITECTURE STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS: Fall 2020 and Spring 2021**

### **Part 1: General Information, Preliminary Schedule**

The College of Architecture, Design, and Construction Management offers 4<sup>th</sup>-year architecture students in all three program concentrations the opportunity to spend a semester studying abroad.

#### **Fall 2020 and Spring 2021**

Study Abroad in **Berlin**, Germany, open to Architecture students in **ALL** concentrations.

The College's Study Abroad programs have a track record of extraordinary success and achievement. The College is unusual in operating its own Study Abroad programs tailored to our own curricula and students. Our signature program in Berlin, since Fall 2003, includes a studio course focused on local design projects, a travel course, an additional, non-studio architecture course, and a humanities course on German history and culture. During one long trip and several shorter ones, students travel to numerous cities throughout Europe, surveying historical and contemporary urban design and architecture – buildings and cities of great significance. While in Berlin, students experience living in an important and wonderful city with broadening exposure to its people, culture, and history. Students live in apartments in neighborhoods near Berlin's center – in close proximity to the cultural, historical and architectural highlights that Berlin offers.

The founding director of the Berlin Study Abroad Program is Professor Rolf Backmann, architect and urban designer. Professor Backmann is a Wentworth faculty member based in Berlin. He is assisted by Berlin-based adjunct faculty and, for some travel, by one of our Boston-based architecture faculty. Professor Backmann's extensive knowledge of European architecture and urban design, as well as his years of experience in conducting our Study Abroad program in Berlin, make him an ideal instructor and guide.

Regardless of concentration, 4<sup>th</sup>-year students studying abroad meet all the same curriculum requirements as students who spend the semester at the Wentworth campus, and return to Boston on track to resume the normal program or (in the case of most students studying abroad in Spring Term) to graduate.

The architecture faculty strongly encourages you to consider this special educational/travel opportunity and review your planning and financial options in detail well in advance.

## **OVERVIEW: GENERAL INFORMATION, PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE**

### **Part 2**

#### **Preliminary Schedule:**

Students traveling in the fall depart on a group flight to Berlin in late August and return in late November, and students traveling in the spring leave in late January and return in late April. The duration of the semester is limited by Schengen visa regulations, currently restricted to 90 days total. Because of this, all students are required to conform to the group schedule.

Special travel is planned at various times throughout the term, in the form of day trips as well as short (2-3 day) and longer (8-10 day) travel components that are part of the required curriculum. The travel and lodging costs of all scheduled group trips are included in the program fee (see 'Program Costs' for more detail). Payment for independent and personal travel is the responsibility of the student.

#### **Additional Information:**

1. Admission to this program is by application only and is competitive. For the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 we have opened the program to all concentrations:

##### **Fall 2020**

**30** slots available for architecture students

##### **Spring 2021**

**10** slots available for architecture students

**10** slots available for business management students

**10** slots available for computer science students

In the event that more students apply to the program than can be accepted, the department will use a selection process to determine which students will be included in the program. In the unlikely event that an accepted student(s) withdraws, there may be an opening for an additional student(s). Students accepted to the program will be notified 2-3 weeks after the application deadline.

2. Over the next year the department will hold meetings and correspond with students to present additional information on the program, as well as planning and preparation for your stay in Berlin. Attendance is mandatory at all such meetings.
3. For additional information, check our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) online (Architecture Department Website, tab "Study Abroad")

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### Architecture Study Abroad Program Berlin

## OVERVIEW: PROGRAM COSTS, PAYMENT SCHEDULE

### Cost of the program:

The overall cost for the semester abroad term is \$9,600.00 a program fee that is paid **in addition to regular term tuition at Wentworth**. This cost is a “lump sum”, non-itemized fee, and must be paid in full by all participating students - no individual pro-rated fees are available. The program fee is quoted and due in US dollars; fluctuations in the exchange rate will not affect the total program cost.

This figure includes the following program-related expenses:

- Airfare from Boston to and from Berlin
- Housing in Berlin, in shared apartments arranged by the program
- Studio space in Berlin
- Transportation, lodging and required admissions on scheduled trips
- An international health insurance plan for the 90-day travel period.

This figure does not include the following expenses:

- Meals (Students will have cooking facilities in their Berlin apartments. The cost of meals varies among students, depending on their food preferences and frequency of restaurant meals.)
- Local transportation (subways and buses in Berlin or other cities)
- Individual museum entry fees
- Books and supplies
- Entertainment
- Personal / miscellaneous expenses in Berlin or on trips
- Independent travel or personal trips made by students

To assist you in financial planning for the program, we urge you to compare these costs to your regular educational and living expenses here at Wentworth.

### Example Calculation (2019-2020):

#### STUDY IN BOSTON

Tuition:	\$17,485
Room (555 Triple):	<u>\$6,710</u>
	\$24,195

#### STUDY ABROAD

Tuition:	\$17,485
Fee:	<u>\$9,600</u>
	\$27,085

<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>\$2,890</b>
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### JOHN J. AND KAJA M. SAVASTA ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 2017, the John J. And Kaja M. Savasta Endowed scholarship will be awarded to architecture students with a demonstrated financial need for the purpose of studying abroad. Further Information:

<https://wit.academicworks.com/opportunities/3153>

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### **Architecture Study Abroad Program Berlin**

#### **Schedule of Payments and Submittal Dates:**

Advance payments are necessary for the planning and advance reservations of airfare, scheduled travel, lodging in Berlin on scheduled trips. We contract for many things in advance to balance out exchange rates and protect against currency fluctuations. Students will be informed on the acceptable method of payment.

#### **FALL TRAVEL**

**1 FEBRUARY 2020:** 1st half of the program fee (\$4,800.00)\* and your full application: completed application form, personal statement, and application for passport (if applicable).

\*This payment is non-refundable unless you are not accepted into the program.

**1 APRIL 2020:** 2nd half of the program fee (\$4,800.00)\*\* and all required documents - see checklist.

\*\*This payment is non-refundable.

#### **SPRING TRAVEL**

**1 JULY 2020:** 1st half of the program fee (\$4,800.00)\* and your full application: completed application form, personal statement, and application for passport (if applicable).

\*This payment is non-refundable unless you are not accepted into the program.

**1 SEPTEMBER 2020:** 2nd half of the program fee (\$4,800.00)\*\* and all required documents - see checklist.

\*\*This payment is non-refundable.

***Payments and supporting documents are due on the above dates. Late payments and/or incomplete documentation will result in the withdrawal of the student from the program.***

## OVERVIEW: PROGRAM COSTS, PAYMENT SCHEDULE

### Additional Information:

1. The program provides an international health insurance plan during the study abroad term. Students are also still required to maintain US-based health insurance either through a parental/family plan or through Wentworth's Health Insurance.
2. Students may wish to use student loans for the payment of this program. Interested students should immediately check with student financial services and/or their loan providers. The time involved for application, approval, and payment of loans is lengthy. The department will not accept student applications to the Study Abroad program if the loan payments are not received with an online payment via the Architecture Study Abroad payment website.
3. International Students: If you receive funding through your consulate, it is strongly recommended that you contact your advisor at the consulate to discuss travel abroad. Experience indicates that some consulates are reluctant to pay tuition for students who are studying abroad.

## OVERVIEW: APPLICATION & ACCEPTANCE PROCESS

### Application Process:

Students wishing to apply for the Berlin (Fall 2020/Spring 2021) Study Abroad Program, are required to submit to the following information and documents, due no later than **1 February 2020**, 4:00pm for fall travel, or due no later than **1 July 2020**, 4:00pm for spring travel.

1. Completed online application.
2. Completed personal statement: *Please describe your motivation for participating in this study abroad program. In one page or less, address the impact that this program will have on your academic, professional, and personal goals. If you have previous experience traveling or working as part of a student group, and/or previous international experience, please include this information.*
3. Payment of \$4,800.00.  
Online payment via credit/debit card at: <https://commerce.cashnet.com/witarch>  
This payment is non-refundable, *unless you are not admitted to the program.*
4. Copy of your passport. If you do not have a passport, please apply immediately. A copy or receipt of your application is optional.