

# “Perspectives and Cultures”

## POL 420/520 Study Abroad Austria and Germany

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No Political Science Pre-requisites  
(with GER 150w “Reading the City”)

# POL 420/520 Austria and Germany Study Tour

## Learn and Experience Austria and Germany



Dr. Kevin Parsneau

In the first half of the semester, students get an introduction to the current German and Austrian political culture and systems, become familiar with the broad sweep of history and questions of political identity, and appreciate the historical and contemporary significance of the places we visit. We learn how to visit Europe like experienced travelers and then we go to Vienna, Nuremberg and Berlin to experience the places and people.

# Overview Political Experiences and Perspectives

Understanding other political cultures and institutions is essential to understanding other countries and to understanding American politics

- I have designed this course to be valuable to anyone interested in traveling and learning about other countries, interested in comparative politics and other political systems and interested in U.S. politics.
- I believe you can better understand your own country by experiencing and learning about other countries.

## Course Topics

- Austrian and German political cultures
- Austrian and German government institutions
- Historical experiences that shape current events in Austria and Germany
- Contemporary politics of Austria, Germany and Europe

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Making the most of our ten days in Vienna, Nuremberg and Berlin



Downtown Nuremberg with a view of the Holy Roman Imperial Palace

## You will also learn:

- Preparing for international travel
- How to be a skilled international traveler.
- Austrian and German government institutions
- Historical experiences that shape current events in Austria and Germany
- Contemporary politics of Austria, Germany and Europe



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## Making the most of our ten days in Vienna, Nuremberg and Berlin

- Dr. Kramer and I have worked together on our joint study tour courses to maximize the experience for our students.
- We have group events and tours of places that we prepare before we leave.
- We keep a lot of free time for students to experience and enjoy sites, places and events of their own choosing.
- We encourage discussing and planning in advance to have the best possible tour.



St. Stephens Cathedral (Stephansdom) in Vienna

# Vienna

What do you want to experience in Austria and Germany?

## Group Highlights

- Hapsburg Imperial Palace (Hofburg)
- Downtown Vienna
- Vienna City Ring (Ringstrasse)



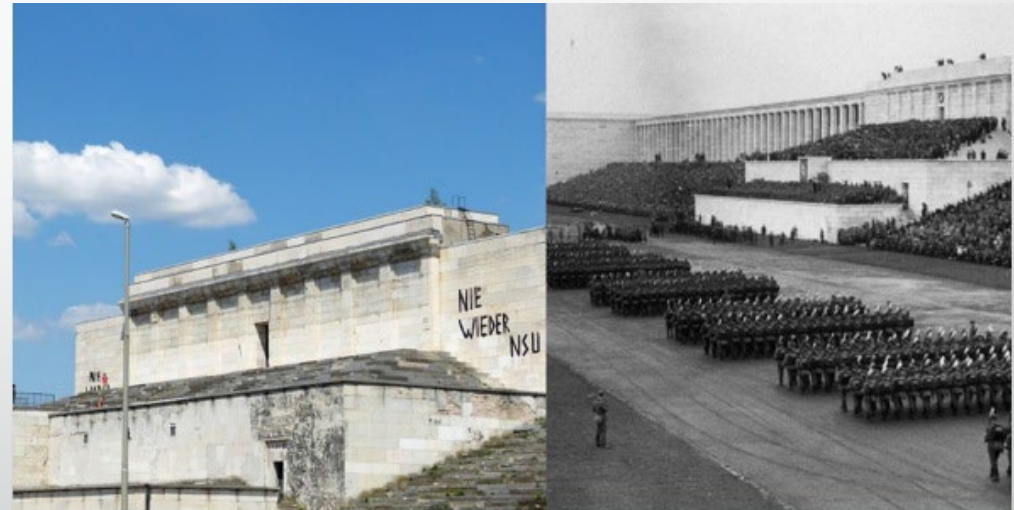
Hapsburg Imperial Palace (Hofburg) in Vienna

# Nuremberg

What do you want to experience in Austria and Germany?

## Group Highlights

- Imperial Holy Roman Castle
- Nazi Rally Grounds
- Palace of Justice



Current and historic pictures of the Nazi Rally grounds in Nuremberg



# Berlin

What do you want to experience in Austria and Germany?

## Group Highlights

- German Parliament (Reichstag Building)
- Brandenburg Gate
- Berlin Wall Memorial
- Berlin's Jewish Museum



The Brandenburg Gate (Brandenburger Tor) in Berlin



# Austria and Germany Study Tour 2024

POL 420/520 or GER 150W

- *Taught in English with no Political Science or German Prerequisites*

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