



STUDY ABROAD: Sound & The City

This interdisciplinary study abroad program invites students to explore the cultural, technological, and spatial relationships between urban development and music composition in Berlin, Germany. Building on the success of the “Cities of the Future” program, Sound and the City merges sustainable urban planning and musical innovation into a singular experiential learning journey. Drawing from Berlin’s rich history of electronic music and progressive city-making, students will examine how sound and space co-create the urban experience.

Academic Focus & Objectives

Introduce sonification and data-driven music composition based on urban design elements.

Explore space as an instrument, using Berlin’s infrastructure and architectural acoustics.

Examine the aesthetic and theoretical links between musical dissonance and urban tension.

Investigate sonic subcultures and their influence on place-making, identity, and community cohesion.

Foster collaboration between urbanists, composers, and technologists.

Location: Berlin, Germany

Program Dates: June 3– June 23, 2026

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