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PSYCHOLOGY OF GOOD AND EVIL IN GERMANY

GERMANY



COURSE OPTION

HGST 387 or PSYC 387

PREREQUISITES

2.0 minimum GPA

CREDIT

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APPLICATION

- Apply online at studyaway.plu.edu
- Application Requirements:
 - \$50 non-refundable application fee
 - Application questions
 - 3 short-answer essays (250 words each)
 - 1 faculty recommendation
 - Following the online application process, you may be contacted by the faculty leader(s) for an interview
- April 15th: Application Deadline
- May 2nd: Decision Date

PROGRAM FEE

- Final program fee will be determined April 1, 2025. Check studyaway.plu.edu for pricing and details about inclusions and exclusions.
- * Global Scholar Award eligible (25% reduction of program fee)

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course will apply a scientific and historic perspective to explore the classic ideas of “good” and “evil.” We will read and discuss literature from the scientific field of Moral Psychology—which integrates ideas from evolutionary anthropology, philosophy, developmental and cognitive psychology—and we will explore the rich history of Bavaria, including the rise of Nazism and crimes perpetrated in the Holocaust. We will use interdisciplinary behavioral research to gain a better understanding of concepts such as altruism, authoritarianism, bigotry, genocide, and power, and relate these concepts to fundamental human needs such as belonging, cognition, status, and understanding.

Why should we study Psychology in Germany?

Bavaria has a uniquely rich history and culture but also was the seat of the rise of Nazism. This contrasting history provides an ideal location for the exploration of the dual-nature of morality and demonstrates the complexities of human moral systems. It also provides a wonderful opportunity to address multiple frameworks for understanding the influence of culture and for cultivating respect for diverse cultures, practices, and traditions.

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