

PROJECT PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

Project Proposals//Due June 11, 2009 -posted to blog

Berlin Borders Program/Spring seminar H A &S 397B

6-10 pages (posted to blog)

1. **ABSTRACT** of group project (approx 200-500 words). This is the main theme of the group, i.e.
2. **BACKGROUND** (approx 1,000 words). This is an overview that synthesizes the group project. Include the process of coming to the main theme idea and consider context, i.e. why is the topic relevant? How will it advance your and others understanding? Remember to consider why it is of personal interest as well as why others (local and global communities) should care to know more about the topic. Also consider any problems, i.e. what are the struggles you have encountered while beginning your exploration.

3. QUESTION

Each group member will set up their own question as related to the main theme of the group project, which relates to the main theme of the program "Berlin Borders: Identity Formation After the Wall"

Each member will discuss the background and relevance of question.
Why have you chosen this question? What have you learned so far?

4. **CULTURAL SENSITIVITY.** What are your biases?
5. **DAILY SCHEDULE** in Berlin. This will be tentative. You may have a group and individual schedule. This schedule will very likely be adjusted, but it's good to start planning a tentative plan of action. How will you explore this question while you are in Berlin? Where will you go? Who will you meet?
People (names, titles, etc.)
Places (location and transportation)
Equipment (cameras, video recorders, paints, logbook, etc.)
Information you'll gather (photos, notes from interviews, observations noted in logbook, etc.)
6. **REFERENCES** at this point (bibliography, use correct formatting)
7. **Groups will present their preliminary project proposals to the class on June 4 (15 minutes per group).**

NOTE: you can present and post the above information in any format. You just need to make certain to cover all key points (post a copy on each group member's blog).