

# Breaking the Wall

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## COURSES

**First-Year Experience Seminar**  
UGST 109  
1 credit

**Postwar Germany: Nation Divided**  
GER 221  
Core Education Arts & Letters (>1)  
Global Perspectives (>GP)  
4 credits

**Introduction to Sociology**  
SOC 204  
Core Education Social Science (>2)  
US: Difference, Inequality and Agency (>US)  
4 credits

## CALENDAR

**First FIG Meeting**  
You will get to meet your FIG classmates, FIG Assistant (FA), and Faculty before classes start!

Check your FIG page in September to find out more details.

## ACADEMIC TEAM

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## ABOUT THIS FIG

### FYE Seminar

Explore the consequences of one of the biggest political conflicts in recent history for the German people. Discuss the history and sociology of Germany from the end of World War II through the tearing down of the Berlin Wall to the present. This FIG gives an in-depth look into the group dynamics around the split of Germany and the different ways sociology and cultural history explain those dynamics.

### Postwar Germany: A Nation Divided

German 221 introduces you to post-WWII German culture and society through the analysis of representative literary and cultural texts and films within the context of German history from 1945 to the present. You will read a series of novels, short stories, non-fictional writings, and watch several films that reveal how Germans in the West and East have viewed the connection between the past and present, and how their ideas about cultural and national identity have changed before and after the unification in 1990. The narratives and films address issues that have helped shape the ways in which Germans today approach questions such as political conformity and autonomy, guilt over the past, and the responsibility to create a better Germany.

### Introduction to Sociology

Over the next ten weeks we will discover what exactly the discipline of sociology is, the prevailing theories invoked by sociologists to understand the world in which we live, the particular methods used by sociologists to study society, as well as examine some of the topics that sociologists have explored in depth. The class begins by exploring the premises and history of sociology, and its main concepts and methods. It then moves to focus on social inequalities, especially in terms of class, gender, and race. The course concludes by examining the possibility of social change and how sociological tools can help us understand this type of change.

## NEXT STEPS

After you're registered for your FIG, you will want to check out the Meet Your FIG page (<https://fyp.uoregon.edu/fall-2022-figs>). This page will have everything you need to know before the beginning of fall term, including how to email your FIG Assistant, your summer assignment, and when you will be meeting your FIG for the first time in September. In order to prepare for your coursework and be notified about important academic deadlines you will want to download the "Canvas" and "Navigate" apps to your devices. Also, be sure to visit the FYE Community page in September, which has all the resources you'll need to achieve success in your first-year (<https://fyp.uoregon.edu/community>). If you have questions about anything, make sure you email your FIG Assistant – they are here to help!

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00AM					SOC 204 11347 STB 252 10:00am-10:50am
11:00AM					
12:00PM	GER 221 11960 GER 242 12:00pm-1:20pm	SOC 204 11340 STB 156 12:00pm-1:20pm	GER 221 11960 GER 242 12:00pm-1:20pm	SOC 204 11340 STB 156 12:00pm-1:20pm	GER 221 11964 GER 246 12:00pm-12:50pm
1:00PM					
2:00PM					
3:00PM					
4:00PM					
5:00PM	UGST 109 16145 PETR 107 5:00pm-5:50pm				

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