

<b>Intercultural Studies of Germany</b>					
<b>Modul</b>	<b>Workload</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Study semester</b>	<b>Frequency of supply</b>	<b>Duration</b>
		5			1 semester
<b>Course</b>		<b>Contact time</b>	<b>Self-study</b>	<b>Group size</b>	
Seminar		4 SWS			
<b>Teaching language</b>					
English					
<b>Use of module</b> (Study program)					
Incoming students of all study programs					
<b>Course overview:</b>					
<p>The course “Intercultural Studies of Germany”, offered by the Center for Communication Studies (CCS), provides students with an in-depth study of the cultural, social, economic and historical aspects of Germany from an intercultural perspective. The course aims to enhance students' understanding of the diversity of German culture as well as the interactions between different cultures. Emphasis is placed on developing intercultural sensitivity and communication skills in the context of Germany.</p>					
<b>Course objectives:</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop an understanding of Germany's cultural dimensions and historical background.</li> <li>▪ Analyse interactions between different cultures according to the study of Geert Hofstede.</li> <li>▪ Raise awareness of intercultural communication strategies and challenges.</li> <li>▪ Understanding foundations of the Germany economic system and German work ethics.</li> <li>▪ Explore the social, political, and economic implications of cultural diversity.</li> </ul>					
<b>Course content:</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Introduction to the foundations of intercultural studies: concepts, theories and approaches.</li> <li>▪ Historical development of Germany and its impact on contemporary intercultural dynamics.</li> <li>▪ Intercultural communication: concepts, theories and approaches.</li> <li>▪ Business aspects of cultural diversity: The raise of the German economy and work environments.</li> </ul>					
<b>Competences</b>					
Communication, problem solving, critical thinking, group work, presentation skills					
<b>Teaching formats</b>					
<p>Preliminary note: Since this is an online course, the module can only be taken if students have the technical equipment and a stable internet connection.</p> <p>Digital classroom-based teaching, student presentations, student-led discussions, exercises and activities. Students are expected to conduct independent reading/research/international team activities and present their results in class.</p>					
<b>Requirements</b>					
<b>Formal:</b> technical equipment and stable internet connection					
<b>Content:</b> no requirements					
<b>Evaluation criteria:</b>					
60% written final exam*					
30% readings and presentations					
10% attendance and participation					
*Kindly note, that admission to the final written exam is only possible if 80% of the classes are attended.					

**Necessary conditions for credits**

80% attendance and passed examination

**Weight of the grading**

According to the ECTS points

**Modul representative and lecturers**

Module representative:

- Dr. Fabian Altemöller

Lecturer:

- Jessica Rock