



Course Unit: B259 International Studies II: Active Research Methods

Semester	3
Hours per week	2
Contact hours (total)	32 h
Individual study	28 h

Language of Tuition/Assessment	Englisch
Group size (max)	30
ECTS credits	2
Lecturer	Davenport

Objectives:

This course will focus on topics ranging from healthcare in America and Europe, to collegiate sports and their impact on professional sports, to research based on the economics principles. Furthermore, we will examine and discover facts and statistics through readings, learn methods and theories, practice interview skills as well as have group discussions. If it is within the boundaries of our class, we will also have a fieldtrip to the WHO in Bonn and give you a chance to participate in several interview processes related to our subject matter.

This is a hands-on class, meaning that students will be asked to do a lot of work outside the scope of our lessons. You will also be responsible for giving a group presentation on an agreed upon topic. At the end of the term students will:

- have a broader perspective on international relations.
- have performed interviews with specialists and those with a first-hand knowledge in their respective fields. A short presentation will also be mandatory.
- be able to formulate hypotheses and sound assessments within the range of our topics.
- become more familiar with the World Health Organization (WHO) and their findings.
- engage in debates and present international facts and statistics.

Contents of the Course:

The course will:

- introduce students to appropriate methods for active research on current topics and knowledge areas.
- strengthen the students' ability to analyze and present factual and statistical information.
- strengthen the students' interviewing and presenting skills.
- examine various issues which are relevant for international business activities within the scope of the students' academic interests.

Methods:

Theoretical discussion, reading, group discussions, debates, fieldtrips. Each group will have to research and give a present a topic related to this course in class.

Recommendations / Prerequisites:

- Requires strong communicative skills in English.

Assessment:

Research assignment with in-class presentation; report. Various groups per semester; deadlines to be announced in class. Please register for the final examination period of the respective semester.

Suggested Reading:

- Wallwork, Adrian (2011). English for Writing Research Papers. New York: Springer US.
- Wallwork, Adrian (2011). English for Academic Correspondence and Socializing. New York: Springer US.
- Wallwork, Adrian (2010). English for Presentations at International Conferences. New York: Springer US.