

Syllabus: “Introduction to German Studies”

Intercultural Courses for International Students
Summer Term 2018, Martin Bauch, M.A.

(a) Inhalt und Ansatz | Content and Approach

- Fundamental skills of intercultural communication are taught both theoretically and through practical exercises by accompanying case studies, critical incidents and role plays.
- The following methods are of central significance: exercises in ethnographic observation and description, role plays, working with critical incidents.
- One important point of the agenda is the participants’ self-assessment of their own attitudes.
- In addition, country-specific aspects as part of German Studies are addressed.

(b) Qualifikationsziele | Learning Objectives

- The module is supposed to facilitate the students’ orientation in the host country, to sensitise them to cultural characteristics and country-specific details in Germany as well as to impart knowledge on Germany according to the “area studies”.
- The students:
 - learn about basic ideas and theories of intercultural communication,
 - can qualify their own values and observations,
 - are able to apply ethnographic observation procedures and realise cultural elements of their own culture,
 - are capable of anticipating potentials for conflicts in intercultural situations,
 - obtain fundamental culture-specific knowledge of the host country,
 - can identify intercultural misunderstandings at different levels of communication, and
 - can identify ethnocentric attitudes as well as the structure of stereotypes and prejudices.

(c) Kursstruktur | Course Structure

• 27/04/2018	11.00–14.30	H 0113
• 28/04/2018	09.00–16.30	H 0113
• 04/05/2018	11.00–14.30	H 0113
• 05/05/2018	09.00–13.30	H 0113

(d) Kontakt | Contact

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(e) Studien- und Prüfungsleistungen | Course Assessment

- Oral presentation (15 min)
- Written exam (90 min)
- 3 ECTS