

## Syllabus: “Applied European Studies: Jewish Life”

International School, Summer Term 2025  
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### (a) Inhalt und Ansatz | Content and Approach

- The target group of the course consists of international students who have not been studying in Germany before and are therefore not yet familiar with Germany, its culture and its historical heritage.
- The course aims at introducing to (a) knowledge about Jewish History and Culture, (b) make these points visible by a field trip and (c) reflect values and communication when it comes to respect and tolerance. Besides the academic excursion, the trip combines both cultural on-site experience and academic reflection.
- Students require at least an advanced level of English to follow the lessons. For the successful completion of the course, the student will be awarded 3 ECTS. Therefore, students should be prepared to spend considerable time working with the study content.
- Participants are required to register for the course via Stud.IP from 01.04.2025. There are max. 30 seats available. Exchange students will be given priority. If there are problems with the registration via Stud.IP please contact Paul Voerkel via [p.voerkel@hs-sm.de](mailto:p.voerkel@hs-sm.de).

### (b) Qualifikationsziele | Learning Objectives

- The qualification objectives of the course are (a) to reflect own values, attitudes and behaviour, to (b) gain basic knowledge on Jewish History and Culture, and (c) to raise the historical and intercultural awareness, in order to experience and pass the exchange semester in Germany as convenient and successful as possible.

### (c) Kursstruktur | Course Structure

- **Academic Introduction**
  - 09/04/25 18:00 Introduction to the Course, the Field Trip, and the content
  - 16/04/25 18:00 Values, History and Cultural Patterns
- **Field Trip to Erfurt**
  - 10/05/25 (whole day) Using Thoska to get to Erfurt
- **Academic Reflection**
  - 11/06/25 18:00 Reflection and Project Forum
  - 25/06/25 18:00 Wrap-up of the Course and the Field Trip

### (d) Kontakt | Contact

- Email: [p.voerkel@hs-sm.de](mailto:p.voerkel@hs-sm.de)

## **(e) Studien- und Prüfungsleistungen | Course Assessment**

- 30 course hours, 90 hours workload, 3 ECTS
- Assessment: Project Presentation & Discussion
- Formal Examination Date: 11/07/2025
- It is required to register through QIS during 16/06/25 and 29/06/25 for assessment.