

Syllabus: “Applied German Studies: Berlin”

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 capital and its political system.
- The course aims at introducing to (i) the German political system, (ii) the history and societal impacts of the reunification and (iii) the process of European integration. Being designed as an 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 StudIP from 01.04.25 0:00](#). There are 30 seats available. Exchange students will be given priority. If there are problems with the registration via StudIP please contact Marcus Hornung via [marcus.hornung\[at\]gmx.de](mailto:marcus.hornung[at]gmx.de).
- Please note: The participation fee for the excursion is 50 EUR.

(b) Qualifikationsziele | Learning Objectives

- The qualification objectives of the course are (i) to gain basic knowledge on the political system of the Federal Republic, the history of reunification and the European integration process, (ii) to raise the intercultural awareness in order to experience and pass their exchange semester to Germany as convenient and successful as possible.

(c) Kursstruktur | Course Structure

- **Academic Introduction**
 - 07/05/25 20:00 Online Introduction to the Course and the Field Trip
- **Field Trip to Berlin**
 - 13/06/25 Arrival and Input Preparation
 - 14/06/25 Berlin in the 20th century and today
 - 15/06/25 Berlin’s older sister Potsdam and Departure
- **Academic Reflection**
 - 22/06/25 12:00 Online Project Forum
 - 26/06/25 20:00 Online Wrap-up of the Course and the Field Trip

(d) Kontakt | Contact

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(e) Studien- und Prüfungsleistungen | Course Assessment

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