

Syllabus: “Introduction to European Studies: Prague”

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

- The target group of the course consists of either non-EU students, who have not been studying in Europe before, or EU students with an initial interest in European Studies. The course aims at introducing those students to the basics of researching the European Union, its constitutional bodies, history and functioning. A special emphasis will be placed on the EU’s enlargement.
- Being designed as an academic introduction, the course work includes demanding academic reading, digital group work, research tasks and the submission of little projects. The course will be taught “blended”, combining an excursion to Prague, to the German-Czech border area and online sessions. Students require 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 via StudIP from 01.04.25 0:00](#). There are 15 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@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 EU in general and the EU’s enlargement and border regime in particular so that students will be enabled to evaluate and weight arguments concerning recent discourses; (ii) to train key skills such as academic reading, presenting and writing; (iii) to raise intercultural awareness in order to experience and pass their exchange semester as convenient and successful as possible.

(c) Kursstruktur | Course Structure

- **Academic Introduction**
 - 07/05/25 18:00 Online Introduction to the Course and the Field Trip
- **Field Trip to Prague and the German-Czech Border Area**
 - 06/06/25 - 08/06/25
- **Academic Reflection**
 - 22/06/25 09:00 Online Project Forum
 - 26/06/25 18:00 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.