

Syllabus: “Introduction to European Studies”

International School
Winter Term 2022/2023, Dr. Marcus Hornung

(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. It is based on the July 2020 speech by Chancellor Merkel to the European Parliament on the occasion of the Germany Presidency of the Council of the EU.
- Being designed as an academic introduction, the course work includes demanding academic reading, digital group work, research tasks and the submission of little projects. Given the current situation, the course will be taught online. [Please register for the course via “Stud.IP”](#) as students will be contacted by the lecturer through the “Stud.IP” messaging system.

(b) Qualifikationsziele | Learning Objectives

- The qualification objectives of the course are (i) to gain basic knowledge on both Europe in general and the EU 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

- 21/10/22, 19:00-20:30 Introduction to the Course and Chancellor Merkel’s Speech (2 LH)
- 24/10/22, 17:00-21:30 -- EU History and Development (2 LH)
-- EU Bodies and Institutions (2 LH)
-- EU Democracy and Fundamental Rights (2 LH)
- 25/10/22, 17:00-21:30 -- EU Future Debate (2 LH)
Break Out: Academic Writing and Video Logs (2 LH)
-- EU Cohesion (2 LH)
- 26/10/22, 17:00-21:30 -- EUroscepticism (2 LH)
-- EU Symbols (2 LH)
- Wrap-Up, Questions, Videos and Concluding Remarks (2 LH)

(d) Kontakt | Contact

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(e) Studien- und Prüfungsleistungen | Course Assessment

- 20 course hours, 60 hours workload, 2 ECTS
- Reading: literature will be provided by the lecturer
- Project: video log on one session (5 min)
- Examination: written essay (5 pages)
- Examination date: 03.02.23