

Syllabus: “Applied German Studies: Economy of Thuringia”

Department 1 - International School, Winter Semester 2022/23
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(a) Inhalt und Ansatz | Content and Approach

- The course is intended for exchange students of all faculties, to give them a deeper understanding and insight into the different facets of the economic situation of their host area: Thuringia.
- In this course the students will:
 - view the economy of the federal state of Thuringia in its history and different standards to other locations
 - learn about the economy of Thuringia to have a better view of the region as an employee
 - learn about the applications processes in German companies
- Teaching methods are oriented towards student-centered learning and include activities such as lectures, group work, peer review, and consultations with the instructor. Some elements of the course may be offered online; rooms and links will be announced in advance.
- Students require at least an advanced level of English to follow the lessons.
- Completion of assignments and regular attendance (at least 80% of all sessions) is required for exam admission.
- Optional excursions to certain companies are part of the curriculum and count under the attendance requirements. There will be no extra cost for transportation, as the student ticket will be used.
- 2 ECTS credit is granted for successful completion of the course. Therefore, students should be prepared to spend considerable time working with the study content.
- Participants are required to register for the course **via StudIP**, where all teaching resources will be made available.
- After each unit, a handout will be given out to the students, that will aid them in their exam.
- The course is made possible through the Smart Campus Project. A project funded by the Federal State of Thuringia in collaboration with the University of Schmalkalden.

(b) Qualifikationsziele | Learning Objectives

- The course is aimed to give exchange students a closer look at the economic situation of their host location and offer an understanding of the company culture in Thuringia.
- By the end of the course students will have gained:
 - An overview of the economic history of Thuringia.
 - An understanding of the economy of Thuringia and its special company culture.
 - An understanding of the application processes of companies of Thuringia.

(c) Kursstruktur | Course Structure

- The class will meet every week on Wednesday from 3:45 pm to 5:15 pm. On certain dates in the schedule, the optional excursion will take place. The exact time and place for these excursions will be published during the semester.
- The class will be held in room H0112.
- There will be no lessons on the 19/10/2022 and 21/10/2022
- The course schedule is as follows:
 - Unit 1: Economic History of Thuringia
 - Unit 2: The Economy of Thuringia
 - Location and Branches
 - Company Style and Culture
 - Thuringia's Economy today
 - Unit 3: Excursion – German Labor Law and Job Profiles in Thuringia
 - Unit 4: Company Profiles
 - ADAV Optical Networking SE
 - HARRY'S Feintechnik
 - 3plusplus GmbH
 - Ife – Ingenieurbüro Für Engeriewirtschaft GmbH
 - Unit 5: Inventors of Thuringia
 - Unit 6: Optional Excursions
 - Unit 7: Application 101 with Mr. Stremple

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(e) Studien- und Prüfungsleistungen | Course Assessment

- For the successful completion of the course, students will be awarded 2 ECTS.
- The exam consists of questionnaires' that will be executed online in StudIP after each unit and an academic paper (2000 words; +/- 10%) at the end of the course about a company in Thuringia. The exam (starting) date for the academic paper is the 03.02.2022.