(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 living and/or studying in Germany. The course aims at introducing those students to the basics of German history, its political, societal and media system, culture and (higher) education structures.
- Being designed as an academic introduction, the course work includes condensed but demanding academic reading, digital group work, research tasks and the submission of little projects. Given the current situation, the course is entirely taught online; students will not meet on campus. Please consult section (c) for more information on the course structure.
- Important: Please register for the course via “Stud.IP” as students will be contacted by the lecturer through the “Stud.IP” messaging system. If you are unable to register through “Stud.IP”, please contact the lecturer by email (see section (d) for contact information).

(b) Qualifikationsziele | Learning Objectives

- The qualification objectives of the course are (i) to gain basic knowledge on German history, political, societal, media and education systems as well as culture and being able to evaluate and weight arguments concerning recent discourses, (ii) to train key skills such as academic reading, presenting and writing, (iii) 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

- Week 15
  - 07/04/20, 19:00-20:00: Check-in Online Video Session
  - Introduction to the Course and its Intercultural Idea
  - Introduction to Aspects of the German History I
  - 12/04/20, 19:00-20:00: Check-Out Online Video Session
- Week 16
  - 14/04/20, 19:00-20:00: Check-in Online Video Session
  - Introduction to Aspects of the German History II
  - 19/04/20, 19:00-20:00: Check-Out Online Video Session
- Week 17
  - 21/04/20, 19:00-20:00: Check-in Online Video Session
  - Introduction to the German Political and Societal System I
  - 26/04/20, 19:00-20:00: Check-Out Online Video Session
- Week 18
  - 28/04/20, 19:00-20:00: Check-in Online Video Session
  - Introduction to the German Political and Societal System II
  - 03/05/20, 19:00-20:00: Check-Out Online Video Session
• **Week 19**
  - 05/05/20, 19:00-20:00: Check-in Online Video Session
  - Introduction to the German (Higher) Education System
  - 10/05/20, 19:00-20:00: Check-Out Online Video Session

• **Week 20**
  - 12/05/20, 19:00-20:00: Check-in Online Video Session
  - Video Projects, Questions and Examination
  - 17/05/20, 19:00-20:00: Check-Out Online Video Session

(d) Kontakt | Contact

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(e) Studien- und Prüfungsleistungen | Course Assessment

- 90 hours workload, 3 ECTS
- Project: vlog on one session (5 min)
- Assessment: written examination (90 min)