

Syllabus: “Applied German Studies: Thuringia”

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

- Intended is the course for exchange students of all faculties, to give them a deeper understanding and insight of the different facets of their guest location: Thuringia.
- In this course the students will:
 - will view the federal state of Thuringia, as their guest location for the study abroad
 - learn about the history, culture, and economics of Thuringia to have a better view of the whole region.
- 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 good time.
- Students require at least an upper-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 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.
- 1 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.
- A script to follow alongside class will be given and can be used as an aid for the 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

- This course is aimed to bring exchange students closer to their guest location and to offer an understanding of everyday life in Thuringia.
- Students learn about and practice:
 - A historical overview and in-depth teaching of significant events
 - Cultural understanding of Thuringia
 - A detailed insight of the economy of Thuringia, especially as an employee.

(c) Kursstruktur | Course Structure

- The class will be in a two-week circle. The optional excursions will be made in-between that circle, dates will be published during the semester. Each excursion will be done after the subject matter has been taught in class.
- The exam (presentation) will be done simultaneously with the class. It will be part of closing one of the three main subjects. It can also be done as a part of the optional excursion.
- The course schedule is as follows:
 - History of Thuringia I: Origin, 16th Century and Reformation
08/04, 15:30 – 17:00
 - History of Thuringia II: 18th and 19th Century as Cultural Capital, WW1
22/04, 15:30 – 17:00
 - History of Thuringia II: WW2, After the war/DDR, Modern Times
06/05, 15:30 – 17:00
 - Culture of Thuringia I: Geography, Architecture and Traditions
20/05, 15:30 – 17:00
 - Culture of Thuringia II: Language, Arts, Sport/Activities and traditional Food
03/06, 15:30 – 17:00
 - Economics of Thuringia I: Overview, Location-typical economy and company systems
17/06, 15:30 – 17:00
 - Economics of Thuringia II: Manufacturing and Producing Industry
01/07, 15:30 – 17:00
 - Economics of Thuringia III: Service Industry and Outlook
15/07, 15:30 – 17:00

(d) Kontakt | Contact

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(e) Studien- und Prüfungsleistungen | Course Assessment

- Verbal Presentation in Class of 20 minutes, and a Handout (max. 1 pages) for the class.
- The exam can be done as a group project, with a group up to three students.
- 1 ECTS