

Syllabus: “Applied German Studies: Economy of Thuringia – In view of the Career Fair 2023”

Department 1 - International School, Summer Semester 2023
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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.
- It is especially laid out to help students prepare for the upcoming Career Fair 2023 at the University of Schmalkalden.
- In this course the students will:
 - view the different company structures that are common in Germany and especially in Thuringia.
 - learn about employee rights and standards.
 - learn about the economy of Thuringia to have a better view of the region as an employee.
 - learn about the application processes in German companies, including writing CVs, resumes, and job interviews.
- 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.
- 3 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.
- 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 employee rights and standards.

- An understanding of the application processes of companies of Thuringia, including the creation of CVs and resumes of different kinds in the German standard, as well as training for job interviews.

(c) Kursstruktur | Course Structure

- The class will meet twice per month on Fridays from 2 pm to 5:15 pm.
- The room for the class will be published on StudIP.
- The course schedule is as follows:
 - 14.04.2023:
 - Different company structures, employee rights, and standards
 - 21.04.2023:
 - Economy field of Germany, and especially Thuringia. A look at the exhibitors of the Career Fair 2023
 - 05.05.2023
 - Writing CVs and resumes in the German Standard: different kinds of resumes for different situations
 - 12.05.2023
 - Training for job interviews
 - 02.06.2023
 - Online tools for job search and connecting. Preparing for the Career Fair 2023
 - 16.06.2023
 - Review of the Career Fair and Follow-up

(d) Kontakt | Contact

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(e) Studien- und Prüfungsleistungen | Course Assessment

- For the successful completion of the course, students will be awarded 3 ECTS.
- The exam consists of writing a resume for a German employment ad, chosen by the students, in the German standard.
- The exam (starting) date is the 14.07.2023.