

## Syllabus: “Applied German Studies: Culture and History of Thuringia”

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 their host area: Thuringia
- In this course the students will:
  - view the federal state of Thuringia in its history and culture, as their host location for their study abroad
  - learn about the history and culture of Thuringia to have a better view of the whole region.
- Teaching methods are oriented towards student-centred 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 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.
- The course is made possible by the "Smart Campus" Project, a project is funded by the Federal State of Thuringia in cooperation with the University of Applied Sciences Schmalkalden.

### (b) Qualifikationsziele | Learning Objectives

- The course is aimed to bring exchange students closer to their host location and offer an understanding of everyday life in Thuringia.
- By the end of the course students will have gained:
  - An overview of Thuringia’s history as well as an in-depth understanding of significant event
  - A cultural understanding of Thuringia
  - Raise their intercultural awareness to experience and pass their exchanger semester to Germany (Thuringia) as conveniently and successfully as possible.

### (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 room will be published on StudIP
- There will be no lessons on the 26.04.23/17.05.23/28.06.23
- The course schedule is as follows:
  - Unit 1: From the Origin to the 16<sup>th</sup> Century
  - Unit 2: Reformation
  - Unit 3: 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Century
  - Unit 4: WW1 / Weimarer Republic
  - Unit 5: Nazi Regime & WW2
  - Unit 6: GDR to modern times
  - Unit 7: Geography, Nature, and Architecture
  - Unit 8: The Arts, Literature, and Language
  - Unit 9: Sports and Cuisine

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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 after each unit and an academic paper (2000 words; +/- 10%) at the end of the course. The exam (starting) date for the academic paper is the 14.07.2023.