

Course „German Society and Culture“ for International Students

Course beginning and duration : 25th March 2020 – 24th June 2020

Time : 17.30 – 19.00

Location : HFT Stuttgart

Course Language : English

Credits : 2 ECTS

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Type of examination : oral exam

Abstract

For a certain time, you do not only study in Germany, you also live in Germany. You would like to know more about its society and culture? You even think about extending your studies, maybe you wish to work in Germany or simply want to compare with your home country? In this course, you will obtain useful information about a wide range of topics we cover. We will watch film clips, read newspaper articles and you will be asked to participate actively in classroom discussions. In the framework of this course we will also leave the classroom and visit particular objects in public places and museums.

Course content :

- Basic theories of Intercultural Communication
- Cultural standards, traditions, values, customs.
- German Reunification : historic milestones and the situation today
- German Language : from its Indo-European roots to a “powerful language” today
- Integration of refugees and migrants : challenges, perspectives, risks
- The Political Parties in Germany : we consider the whole range of the parliament
- German Economy : between social market economy and globalization
- System of Education : from Humboldt`s principles to practice-orientation
- Religion: Jewish- Christian heritage in the German Culture.
- Social Security System : solidarity and subsidiarity
- Germany and its international partnerships