



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Germany Today - German culture and current events through German media - 32887

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: German Language & Literature

Academic year: 2020

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: German

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Gabriela Börschmann

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Course/Module description:

Focus on current political, social, and cultural issues, using newspapers, journals, TV, radio broadcasts, and Web sources from Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. Emphasis on speaking, writing, and reading skills for professional contexts. Activities include: oral presentations and group discussions.

Course/Module aims:

The aim of this course is to familiarize students with various aspects of German society, its politics, history, and culture. The course will focus upon in-class discussions of readings, and student presentations.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

- familiarize with various aspects of German society, its politics, history, and culture
- read, discuss and reflect various material centered around current topics of Germany
- talk and discuss freely at an advanced level
- give short presentations in German about a specific topic regarding the course material

Attendance requirements(%):

100%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: The teaching combines theoretical and practical approaches.

Course/Module Content:

We will read a collection of articles, a variety of supplementary texts, watch the news and movies and listen to podcasts that serve as a basis for class discussion. These will also be the starting points for written and oral work. Students contribute to different tasks:

Discussion, reading, listening, and presentation.

All readings, discussion, and written work for the course will be in German.

Required Reading:

Texts and articles given within the course.

Additional Reading Material:

Additional resources will be posted via Moodle.

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 40 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 40 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 20 %

oral participation

Additional information:

Throughout the course students should hear, watch and read daily news from Germany, Switzerland and Austria

Also, since this class focuses on advanced conversation, students are strongly encouraged to regularly

attend the German Conversation Group offered by the German Department. (Time and location can be requested inside the course or via E-Mail.)