Georg-August-Universität Göttingen

Module SK.AS.DK-09-EN: Germany's Ethnic and Cultural Diversity

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Learning outcome, core skills:

In this module participants will analyse and reflect past, current and future demographic trends in Germany in the context of globalisation and migration. Participants will work on different representations of "German identity" and analyse its developing narrative in an ever-changing world.

Participants will analyse demographic changes and processes of migration. In groups they will question past and current trends concerning ethnic and cultural diversity and will reflect upon the opportunities and challenges the recent developments have had on German society.

The seminar will include a study trip to Museum Friedland to explore "perspectives of migration" – an exhibition at the museum presenting different narratives about and representations of Germany's past and present.

Students will then conduct team-based research into a specific subset of diversity in German society, by analysing the context of a chosen ethnic / cultural group in the city of Göttingen.

The aim of this module is to familiarise international students with past and current trends of demographic changes within German society in order to facilitate students' understanding of modern Germany, and help them find their individual place in German society.

At the end of this seminar students will have acquired a better understanding of German society and German identity as well as of the challenges and opportunities of ethnic and cultural diversity in Germany.

They will be in a position to reflect upon negative and positive discrimination and will be familiar with strategies of applying a critical approach to discrimination and in exploiting the potential of diversity-critical and diversity-oriented thinking. Participants will also have developed critical thinking strategies and team building skills.

Workload:

Attendance time: 28 h Self-study time: 62 h

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Examination: presentation (approx. 7 minutes) and written assignment of max. 4 pages, not graded

Examination prerequisites:

regular and active participation, field research in teams

Examination requirements:

Participants demonstrate the acquired competencies by presenting the results of their findings in field research carried out in teams. They present these results through an oral presentation (approx. 7 minutes) and a written summary (max. 5 pages).

Language:	Person responsible for module:
none	none
Admission requirements:	Recommended previous knowledge:

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Course frequency: not specified	Duration:
Number of repeat examinations permitted: twice	Recommended semester:
Maximum number of students: 25	