# Joining Resources, Creating Synergies

The International Study Program
"European Studies in Global Perspectives" (EuGl)
at Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg

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# **European Studies in Global Perspectives**

A Program for International Exchange Students at Carl von



## **Starting Point**

- number of incoming students decreases
- imbalance of a relatively high number of incoming students from Eastern parts of the world and a comparatively high number of outgoings to Western countries
- some Schools offer only few or no courses in English

## Aims and Opportunities

- increase the university's attractiveness amongst international students
- expand cooperations to partner universities
- build new cooperations
- 'internationalization at home'

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#### A one or two semester study program

- which brings together courses from the
  - School of Education and Social Sciences
  - School of Computing Science, Business Administration, Economics and Law
  - School of Linguistics and Cultural Studies
  - School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- which has two thematic options:
  - "Society, Economy, and Politics"
  - "Languages, Cultures, and Education"
- and whose main language of instruction is English

#### Structure

Semester 2 (optional)

Mandatory: Immersion II Advanced Language Skills (9 CP) Option 1:

Society, Economy, and Politics

Option 2:

Languages, Cultures, and Education

Students pick at least two modules from their chosen thematic cluster (15 CP)

Semester 1

Mandatory: Immersion I Introductory Module (12 CP) Option 1:

Society, Economy, and Politics

Option 2:

Languages, Cultures, and Education

Students pick at least two modules from their chosen thematic cluster (12 CP)

## Strengths

- bind and save resources
- rely on already existing structures
- create and use synergy effects
- make processes regarding the study organization of a semester abroad more effective
- attract students by a study program without extra fees but with an extra certificate
- create incentives for professors and lecturers to offer English-speaking courses

## **Challenges and Threats**

- little financial resources
- dependency on the courses offered in English by the involved Schools
- administrative efforts when decisions have to be approved by four Schools
- German students do not attend the English courses
- study plan might not fit the guidelines of every student's home university

# Thank you for your attention!

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