

## Syllabus: “Introduction to European Studies”

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### (a) Inhalt und Ansatz | Content and Approach

- The target group of the course consists of either non-EU students, who have not been studying in Europe before, or EU students with an initial interest in European Studies. The course aims at introducing those students to the basics of researching the European Union, its constitutional bodies, history and functioning. It is based on the July 2020 speech by Chancellor Merkel to the European Parliament on the occasion of the Germany Presidency of the Council of the EU.
- Being designed as an academic introduction, the course work includes demanding academic reading, digital group work, research tasks and the submission of little projects. The course will be taught “blended”, combining on-site and online sessions. Students require at least an advanced level of English to follow the lessons.
- For the successful completion of the course, the student will be awarded 3 ECTS. 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. If there are problems with the registration via StudIP please contact Marcus Hornung via [marcus.hornung@gmx.de](mailto:marcus.hornung@gmx.de).

### (b) Qualifikationsziele | Learning Objectives

- The qualification objectives of the course are (i) to gain basic knowledge on both Europe in general and the EU in particular so that students will be enabled to evaluate and weight arguments concerning recent discourses; (ii) to train key skills such as academic reading, presenting and writing; (iii) to raise intercultural awareness in order to experience and pass their exchange semester as convenient and successful as possible.

### (c) Kursstruktur | Course Structure

- The class will be held in block seminar. The course schedule is as follows:
- 11/01/24, 18:00-21:00 Introduction to the Course and Chancellor Merkel’s Speech  
online Break Out: Academic Writing and Video Logs
- 13/01/24, 11:00-18:00 EU History and Development  
H113 EU Bodies and Institutions  
EU Democracy and Fundamental Rights  
EU Future Debate
- 14/01/24, 09:00-16:00 EU Cohesion  
H113 EUroscepticism  
EU Symbols
- 20/01/24, 09:00-12:00 Wrap-Up, Questions, Videos and Perspectives on Europe  
online

#### **(d) Kontakt | Contact**

- [marcus.hornung@gmx.de](mailto:marcus.hornung@gmx.de)

#### **(e) Studien- und Prüfungsleistungen | Course Assessment**

- 25 course hours, 90 hours workload, 3 ECTS
- Assessment: video log on one session (5 min), written essay (5 pages)
- Formal Examination Date: 02/02/24
- It is required to register through QIS for assessment during 08/01/24 and 19/01/24.