

## Hessen: ISU Course Outline



### Supplement Course: German Politics and History

#### CLASS HOURS

*Week 1&2 (July 22 - August 01), 2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.*

#### PROFESSOR

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#### 1) INFORMATION ON THE COURSE CONTENT

##### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Germany has a turbulent political past, going through multiple political systems within one century, sometimes even multiple ones at the same time. Despite all of this, it came out as one of the major economic and political powers in Europe. German politics and its culture have been deeply shaped by these historical experiences, and they continue to change due to the reunification and globalization of the recent years.

##### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The objective of this course is to give an overview of German culture, history and politics and thereby enable the students to better understand “the Germans”. Participants will learn to trace contemporary cultural and political phenomena in key historical moments and developments.

##### COURSE MATERIALS

A reader containing several basic texts on the topic will be made available to the participants in spring. The knowledge of the preparatory readings is expected and is a prerequisite to receive the ECTS credits. Additional texts will be distributed during the class.

##### TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE

Class	Topic	Reading/ Assignments/ Additional Practice Materials
1	Introduction	Class Reader and additional texts
2	German History and Marburg	As above
3	City Tour	As above
4	Germany after World War II	As above
5	Politics and political system	As above
6	Westintegration and international relations	As above
7	German regions and cultures	As above
8	Contemporary debates	As above
9	Group projects	As above

## **2) INFORMATION ON CLASS PARTICIPATION, ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMS**

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

*The essential methods used in this course will be discussions and debates, group assignments as well as simulations. Thereby students will develop important skills such as working in a group, presenting results on short notice, discussing controversial topics and defending a position. Students are expected to prepare group project during this time which will be presented towards the end of class. By learning from each other the participants will not only gain important insight into other cultures but also obtain the ability to put themselves in someone else's place.*

### **EXAMS**

*Pass/fail course.*

*There will be no grade. Please note that it is obligatory to take at least one supplement course (two are being offered). The contact hours in this course count towards the overall ECTS*

*credits for the study module. Failing the supplement course will result in a failing grade for the whole module.*

**PRACTICE MATERIALS**

*Preparatory texts will be made available in advance.*

**PROFESSIONALISM & CLASS PARTICIPATION**

*Students are expected to attend each class and arrive on time. They are also expected to have completed the assigned readings and to be prepared to discuss the course material.*

**MISSED CLASSES**

*Students are expected to attend class regularly, more than two hours of unexcused absence will result in a failing grade. In the event of sickness a medical certificate must be presented to the ISU secretary.*

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### **Supplement Course:** ***German Politics since the Second World War***

#### **CLASS HOURS**

*Weeks 3&4 (6 – 16 August), 2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.*

#### **PROFESSOR**

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## **1) INFORMATION ON THE COURSE CONTENT**

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The course offers an in-depth analysis of the social and political forces that have been central to the history of German society since the end of the Second World War. Many of these forces - such as Social Democracy and German Liberalism - have their roots in the pre-war period and even in the nineteenth century. Others, such as the “New Left” and “New Right”, are the products of more recent developments (and crises). Ultimately, the course aims to set the historical and contemporary development of German politics into an overall European context, one currently characterized by profound conflicts over globalization, migration, identity and diversity.

### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

By the end of the course, students will

- a) ...possess a more sophisticated understanding of the history of German politics and society from 1945 to the present day.

- b) ...be able to make sense of current events in Germany and in Europe more confidently and intelligently.
- c) ...be able to apply key concepts of social science to analyze social and political change.

## COURSE MATERIALS

A history of Germany 1918 - 2008 : the divided nation / Mary Fulbrook, Malden, Mass. : Wiley-Blackwell, 2009, chapters 6 and 7

Thomas Saalfeld and Harald Schoen, "Party Politics and Electoral Behaviour" in The Routledge handbook of German politics & culture / ed. by Sarah Colvin, London : Routledge, 2015, pp. 105-118

Mary Fulbrook, "Legacies of a Significant Past" in The Routledge handbook of German politics & culture

A reader containing sections from these two books has been made available. Knowledge of the preparatory readings is expected and is a prerequisite to receive the ECTS credits.

Additional texts will be distributed during the class.

## TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE

Class	Topic	Reading / Assignments / Additional Practice Materials
1	Zero Hour: Germany in 1945	Class reader and additional texts
2	Cleavage Theory	See above
3	Christian Democracy	See above
4	Social Democracy	See above
5	German Liberalism	See above
6	The New Left	See above
7	The New Right	See above
8	International Comparisons	See above
9	Review	See above

## **2) INFORMATION ON CLASS PARTICIPATION, ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMS**

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

*There will be no formal assignments, but students will be assessed based on their contribution to class discussions, their knowledge of the preparatory and set texts, and their attendance. Furthermore, students will give group presentations on selected aspects of the course.*

### **EXAMS**

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### **PRACTICE MATERIALS**

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### **PROFESSIONALISM & CLASS PARTICIPATION**

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## **3) INFORMATION ON GRADING AND ECTS**

### **ACADEMIC STANDARDS**

*Description of the grading criteria (in %)*

Upon successful completion, 3 ECTS will be awarded for the class.

According to the rules of ECTS, one credit is equivalent to 25-30 hours student workload.

**GRADING SCALE:***Description of the grading scale*

e.g.:

<i>Percentage</i>	<i>Grade</i>		<i>Description</i>
90-100%	15 points	1.0	very good: an outstanding achievement
	14 points		
	13 points	1.3	
80-90%	12 points	1.7	good: an achievement substantially above average requirements
	11 points	2.0	
	10 points	2.3	
70-80%	9 points	2.7	satisfactory: an achievement which corresponds to average requirements
	8 points	3.0	
	7 points	3.3	
60-70%	6 points	3.7	sufficient: an achievement which barely meets the requirements
	5 points	4.0	
0-60%	4 points	5.0	not sufficient / failed: an achievement which does not meet the requirements
	3 points		
	2 points		
	1 point		
	0 points		

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