

Berliner Hochschule für Technik/Berlin University of Applied Sciences and Technology

Referat Internationale Angelegenheiten/Office of Global Engagement

Name of course	German Cultural Training for Exchange Students
Instructor	Dipl.-Soz.päd. Corinna Kleesiek
Module number	DE01
Credits	2.5 or 5 ECTS module
Study focus	Social Sciences
Competences to be acquired	<p>Exploration and insights into the German culture (history, movies, business environment, manners/gestures, religious customs, daily life), to be compared to the culture of origin of each participant.</p> <p>Raising awareness in order to avoid intercultural misunderstanding and identification of communicational patterns.</p> <p>Improvement of language competences according to the individual level of each student by giving short presentations in the language of instruction (German or English).</p>
Prerequisites	Participation in an exchange program at Berliner Hochschule für Technik
Type of module	Module with integrated team work, presentations, role plays, excursions
Determination of grade	The grade will be determined through participation during the outdoor learning experiences as well as the presentation of the student. A minimum attendance of 50% is required.
Content	The participants will explore different aspects of their personal cultural integration and intercultural communication patterns and will be able to adapt them in future intercultural settings. As an outcome to the training they will acquire an awareness of different international students' perceptions of the German culture, their own integration and their diversity. Introduction to German history, arts, music, theatre movies, customs and politics will be part of the excursions that are supported by guided tours with experts of each field.
Literature	The choice of literature is being made according to each student's level of German/English
Additional information	The module is being offered in German and English. Presentations are given according to the level of language proficiency in German or English so that exchange students without sufficient knowledge of German can participate as well.