

German Academic Culture and Language (in German)

Target group

Exchange students and international students of the EUF with **at least German B2 knowledge**.

This course is mandatory for all incoming students from our partner universities.

Course content

How do you correctly address professors at German universities? What does a formal e-mail at the university look like? How do I prepare a consultation with a lecturer when I want to discuss the subject of my term paper in their office hours?

Communication at university is somewhat different in every country. It is based on invisible values, norms and role expectations. This course aims to raise your awareness of such cultural and linguistic differences.

Also, the required examinations differ. A typical examination performance at German universities is a PowerPoint presentation. Here, too, there are cultural differences in structure and style. The term paper ("Hausarbeit") is also typical for Germany. With the help of text samples and writing exercises you will work on the characteristics and terminology of the German academic language and learn which formal aspects you have to pay attention to when structuring an academic paper.

There are also differences between academic cultures when it comes to incorporating sources into scientific texts. You will learn how to avoid unintentional plagiarism caused by citation errors by writing your own small term paper during this course.

Contact hours: 8 h compact course and then 2 h/week

Exam:

- Attendance min. 80% (max. 6 h absence)
- active participation
- 2 graded homework assignments
- 1 presentation
- 1 test (Moodle)
- 8-page term paper (will be written in the course)

Workload: 75 h

- 30 h attendance
- 30 h self-study and homework
- 15 h exam preparation and exam

ECTS (Incomings): **3**