This seminar will focus on international students and their experiences in Germany and the Europa-Universität Flensburg. After this seminar, you will have a deeper understanding of German modern culture, recent history and postwar politics, and today’s society. We will talk about intercultural problems, such as interpersonal language barriers (Du/Sie), differences in the academic realm, and possible culture shocks. The seminar depends upon the exchange of international student experiences and perceptions of native German students. We will try to discuss different approaches toward and different expectations about images of Germany and how or if they have shaped our point of view in general. The main approach of this seminar will focus on differences and similarities between the students’ home cultures and their experiences in Germany.

In this seminar, you can receive 3 to 5 ETCS points, depending on your requirements. The more points you need, the more tasks you will have to complete. Possible tasks may include writing assignments, an oral presentation, or leading a group discussion. The course language will be English, but some sources might be provided in German.