



**PO/IR 355 SHIFTING PARADIGMS FROM 'DOMESTIC' TO 'EUROPEAN' POLITICS:
GERMANY IN THE EU**
IES Abroad Freiburg
European Union Program Syllabus

SEMESTER: Spring 2023

DESCRIPTION:

Offers both an introduction to German domestic politics and a study of the growing interdependence between German and European policy making. This course examines and analyzes current hot topics in German politics and the corresponding European politics and provides an overview of Germany's party structure and political system while maintaining a continual focus on three core aspects of politics: economic, social and environmental policies. German domestic politics in these three areas and the different degrees of interaction and interdependence between German and European policies - revealing a growing tendency to transform "domestic" politics into integrated, supranational "European" politics - will be examined in depth.

CREDITS: 3

CONTACT HOURS: 45 (including course-related trips, for detailed explanation see below)

INSTRUCTOR:

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: German

ADDITIONAL COST: None

PREREQUISITES: Advanced German Language Standing (GR351 or above) and prior course work in Political Science.

METHOD OF PRESENTATION:

Classroom lectures, seminar discussions, and first-hand experience on course-related excursions.

REQUIRED WORK AND FORM OF ASSESSMENT:

- Participation - 10%
- Mid-term exam - 25%
- Final exam - 25%
- Term paper - 30%
- Presentation - 10%

Course Participation

Class discussions are based on the compulsory readings and all students are expected to join the class discussions.

Grading Rubric for Student Participation

A	Excellent participation The student's contributions reflect an active reading of the assigned bibliography. Skillfully synthesizes the main ideas of the readings and raises questions about the applications and implications of the material. Demonstrates, through questions and comments, that he or she has been capable of relating the main ideas in the readings to the other information discussed in the course, and with his or her own life experience. The student makes informed judgments about the readings and other ideas discussed in class, providing evidence
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	and reasons. He/she respectfully states his/her reactions about other classmates' opinions and is capable of contributing to the inquiry spiral with other questions. The student gets fully involved in the completion of the class activities.
B	Very good participation The student's contributions show that the assigned materials are usually read. Most of the time the main ideas are identified, even though sometimes it seems that applications and implications of the information read were not properly reflected upon. The student is able to construct over others' contributions, but sometimes seems to interrupt the shared construction to go over tangents. He/she is respectful of others' ideas. Regularly involved in the activities but occasionally loses concentration or energy.
C	Regular participation The participant evidences a regular reading of the bibliography, but in a superficial way. He/she tries to construct over others' ideas, but commonly provides comments that indicate lack of preparation about the material. Frequently, contributions are shallow or unarticulated with the discussion in hand.
F	Insufficient participation Consistently, the participant reads in a shallow way or does not read at all. Does not participate in an informed way and shows lack of interest in constructing over others' ideas.

Midterm Exam

The midterm exam will be written with a duration of 90 minutes. The Midterm (during session 10) will cover the topics discussed in the first half of the course. Students will have to answer short essay questions referring to the required readings for the course. Students will get detailed information one week before the exam for concrete preparation.

Final Exam

The final exam will be held during session 19 and will cover the whole course content. Questions will be composed of short essay questions. Students will get detailed information one week before the exam for concrete preparation (See Moodle).

Research Paper and Presentation

The paper should cover 4000 – 5000 words and involves academic research. Students should discuss the research topic and potential research methods with their instructor prior to the research process and hand in an abstract as well as a provisional bibliography (due session 8). Students are required to submit their research paper via Moodle (due session 15) and make a presentation in session 16. There will be an additional hand out provided for this assignment (See Moodle course page).

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

By the end of the course students will be able to:

- Demonstrate a basic understanding of Germany's political and party system.
- Demonstrate substantial knowledge of economic, social and environmental politics.
- Establish awareness of the complexity of national and European politics.
- Defend a critical stance with regard to current judgements of German politics and economics.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

All IES courses require attendance and participation. Attendance is mandatory per IES Abroad policy. Any unexcused absence will incur a penalty on your final course grade (1 absence - 1%, 2nd absence -2%, 3rd absence – 3%). Any student who has more than three (3) unexcused absences will receive an "F" as the final grade in the course. Any student who misses more than 25% of a course, whether the absences are excused or are unexcused, will receive an "F" as the final grade in the course. Absences due to sickness, religious observances, and family emergencies may be excusable at the discretion of the Center Director. In the case of an excused absence, it is the student's responsibility to inform the

Academic Dean of the absence with an Official Excused Absence Form, as well as any other relevant documentation (e.g. a doctor's note), and to keep a record thereof. The absence form must be turned in as soon as possible before the class, in the case of a planned absence, or immediately upon return to the Center, in the case of an unplanned absence, in order for the absence to be considered excused. It is also the student's responsibility to inform the professor of the missed class. Students can collect and submit the Official Excused Absence Form from the office of the Academic Dean.

TESTS, QUIZZES, OR PRESENTATIONS MISSED DURING UNEXCUSED ABSENCES CANNOT BE MADE UP!

ASSIGNMENTS NOT HANDED IN ON THE DUE DATE WILL BE SUBJECT TO A 3% PENALTY PER DAY POST-DUE DATE (with the exception of students who have an excused absence).

CONTENT:

Week	Content	Assignments
Session 1	Introduction to the course	
The German Federal Republic – History, Political System and EU politics		
Session 2	Overview of recent German history	Thränhardt, Dieter: Bundesrepublik Deutschland - Geschichte und Perspektiven.
Session 3	The German political system I: political institutions, their constitution, functions, and patterns of interaction	Grotz und Schroder: Das politische System der Bundesrepublik Deutschland. Pötzsch, Horst: Die Deutsche Demokratie
Session 4	The German political system II: elections and electoral system	Korte, Karl-Rudolf: Wahlen zum Deutschen Bundestag
Session 5	The German political system III: actors and political participation	Brunold, Andreas: Politische Partizipation am Beispiel „Stuttgart 21“
Session 6	Germany and the EU: romance or pragmatic partnership?	Müller-Brandeck-Bocquet, Gisela: Deutschland - Europas einzige Führungsmacht?
The Role of Parties in the German Political System		

Session 7	The German party system I: introduction and debate of the current election results	Lösche, Peter: Verkannte Größe – Parteien in staatlichen Institutionen
Session 8	The German party system II: overview of party profiles	Holtmann, Everhard: Strukturmuster der Gegenwart – ein „fluides“ Fünfparteiensystem
Session 9	Alternative to party politics: Associations, unions and civil society initiatives in Germany and Europe	Griessinger, Andreas: Mehr Demokratie? Zivilgesellschaftliche Bewegungen in Deutschland und Europa von 1945-1990
Session 10	MIDTERM	See Moodle for detailed guidelines
Local Politics in Germany		
Session 11	The German „Kommunen“: Responsibilities and challenges in local politics	Wehling, Hans-Georg: Rahmen kommunalpolitischen Handelns
Session 12	Local Politics in Freiburg: How does the local parliament operate? „Was macht ein Stadtrat?“ „Wie funktioniert Politik in Freiburg?“	Förster, Bangratz und Thissen: Lokale Politik und Beteiligung: Neue Wege des Stadtmachens und die Rolle lokaler Politik
Session 13	Local politics in the European system of multi-level governance: Freiburg and/in Europe	Schäfer, Axel: Mehr als Lissabon: Europa und Kommunen
Session 14	Economic policies and developments in Germany and the EU I: Overview since 1945	Berger, Johannes: Die wirtschaftliche Entwicklung der Bundesrepublik Deutschland
Session 15	Economic policies and developments in Germany and the EU II: German economic policies in a comparative perspective	Artus, Patrick: Deutsche Wirtschaftspolitik: ein Problem für Europa?
Session 16	Social policy in Germany and the EU	Merkels Land, in: "Gegenstandpunkt". Politische Vierteljahresschrift, München

		4/2017 https://de.gegenstandpunkt.com/dossier/markels-land Student Presentations
Session 17	Migration policy in Germany and the EU	Bendel, Petra: Einwanderungspolitik in der EU – Kooperation und gemeinsame Gesetzgebung
Session 18	Environment and energy policy in Germany and the EU German domestic politics – towards European domestic politics?	Die nukleare Talfahrt/Deutschland wird erneuerbar Sturm, Roland: Das europäisierte deutsche Regierungssystem
Session 19	Final Exam	

COURSE RELATED TRIPS:

- Franco-German History Trip: Alsace, France– 1 day

During the first course related trip you will visit two significant historical and cultural landmarks in Franco-German history. You will have guided tours and learn about how age-old controversies and catastrophes in the heartland of Europe are represented, the role of memorials in constructing a European identity, and the challenges of overcoming centuries of conflict and rivalry.

- Germany in Europe: Then and Now Trip: Berlin, Germany – 5 days

During the course-related trip to Berlin, you will continue to learn about the past and present of German culture, economy and politics of Germany. Historically this capital is a crucial place if one wants to understand the importance German politics has for the dynamics of European integration. In Berlin you will learn about the fall of the Berlin Wall, the reunification of Europe after the end of the Cold War, the challenges that emerged during the process of post-communist transition and about Germany's hegemonic position within the EU.

- EU Parliament Trip: Strasbourg, France – 1 day

During this one-day trip, which is thematically linked to the EU Institutions trip you will visit the European Parliament in session in Strasbourg, France. There you will attend the parliamentary session and meet a Member of European Parliament who will discuss current events and elaborate on the workings of the European Parliament.

- EU Institutions Trip: Brussels, Belgium and Paris, France – 7 days

This course related trip will take you first to Brussels, the EU's institutional power center. In Brussels you will have the opportunity to meet with not only EU officials but also representatives of national delegations to the EU, think tanks and NGOs, as well as academic experts. The EU institutions you will visit include the European Commission, the Council of the EU and the European Council and you will have a chance to discuss with those actors who draft, shape and finally take decisions in the European Union. You will continue to have first-hand experience of the EU by visiting various agencies, institutions, and museums in Paris, you will meet French academic experts to discuss French culture, economy, politics and society.

- EU Funds in the Region Trip: South Baden, Germany– 1 day

This day trip will start with a meeting where an expert from the region will introduce you to EU's agricultural and structural funds and their implementation with examples from the region. Following the meeting you will visit a family farm that is typical for South Baden.

- EU Member States Trip - 7 days

Students choose 1 out of the three following course related trip options, e.g.:

- 1) Stockholm, Sweden; Warsaw, Poland/Prague, Czechia
- 2) Rome, Italy; Budapest, Hungary
- 3) Athens, Greece; Sofia, Bulgaria/Bucharest, Romania

The destinations may vary according to the topicality and nature of challenges of the EU and its integration process. The member states of the EU are still characterized by different state structures, economic ideologies, and cultural identities. This last course-related trip gives you the opportunity to choose between three different trip options. On these trips, you will learn about the current challenges of European integration. Experiencing the particularities and cultural diversity of these societies is essential in order to understand the variation in terms of domestic debates and national preferences when it comes to such important issues like, for instance, immigration, macroeconomic integration as well as European security.

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- Sturm, Roland: Das europäisierte deutsche Regierungssystem, In: Klemens H. Schrenk; Markus Soldner (Hrsg.): Analyse demokratischer Regierungssysteme, Wiesbaden, 2010, pp. 185-199
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- Wehling, Hans-Georg: Rahmen kommunalpolitischen Handelns, in: Kommunalpolitik, Informationen zur politischen Bildung, Nr. 242, 2006, pp. 4-6.

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Research Interests:

- Comparative Public Policy
- Direct Democracy
- Comparative Politics with focus on Germany
- Conflict Research