

<b>Lecturer:</b>	Prof. Dr. Ina Schildbach
<b>Course title:</b>	Basics of Political Science

<b>language</b>	
Englisch	
<b>Workload [ECTS-Credits]</b>	
3	
<b>Scope of teaching [SWS = semester hours per week]</b>	
2	
<b>Attendance studies</b>	<b>Self-study</b>
30h	60h
<b>Study and examination performance</b>	
f.e. written exam 90 minutes, oral exam 20 minutes, ...	
Oral presentation (political topic of choice), oral discussion in the role of an expert	
<b>Approved aids for performance assessments</b>	
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<b>Type of event</b>
Seminar
<b>Contents</b>
<p>Whether we are interested in them or not, political decisions at various levels – municipal, federal, in the European Union and international – influence all of our lives. This reality alone underscores the importance of taking a closer look at “politics”!</p> <p>This course ventures into a range of fundamental political topics and poses questions such as: What do the terms poverty and wealth mean in a German and global context? What are their causes and how can poverty be combated? How does the European migration policy work? And how does the European Union in general actually work? On a micro level we will further analyse communal politics by exploring their possibilities and potentials.</p> <p>In addition to the political subject matter, we will also delve into selected theories of social science which will allow us to gain a deeper understanding of the complex nature of politics and provide us with an international perspective (e.g. Wallerstein’s World Systems Theory).</p>

Current topics will not be neglected either: Each seminar unit will begin with a discussion of a current topic, which the students themselves can suggest.

In short: If you have the willingness and interest in watching the daily news and would like to expand your knowledge in this field, this course is the right place for you!

Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse (optional):

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### Learning objectives:

#### Professional competence

Ability and willingness of the individual to use knowledge and skills as well as methodological abilities of the respective subject.

After successfully completing the sub-module, students will be able to,

- To apply fundamental knowledge of the German political system at a municipal and federal level
- have a basic knowledge of the European Union and international organizations
- understand their opportunities for political participation as citizens
- know individual policy areas in more detail, e.g. migration policy, poverty and wealth
- have basic knowledge of the fundamental methods of the subject

#### Personal competence

Ability and willingness to develop further and to shape one's own life independently and responsibly in the respective social, cultural or professional context.

After successfully completing the sub-module, students will be able to:,

- To think critically
- To work in a team
- To work in a result orientated way
- To take accountability
- To manage their time efficiently

### Educational Media:

PPP, Inverted Classroom

### Further Reading:

Literature will be announced in the course.

Further information on the course (optional)

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