Course title: Intercultural Language & Communication Course

Course led by: Junior lecturers (students of German Studies, Intercultural German Studie or Didactics of German as a Second Language)

Language of instruction: German

Course dates: 07.08.2018 – 31.08.2018

Contact time:
28 hours per week in combination with morning classes

Course Overview
Even those who have spent many years learning German in their home countries will come to realise that the reality of how German is used on an everyday basis in Germany is somewhat different to that depicted in the textbooks. This course is all about giving you the necessary confidence to thrive “real-life” Germany: how do I order a coffee at a café in Bayreuth? Do I have to pay if I want a carrier bag at the supermarket? What’s considered polite in Germany? How do I hold discussions with Germans? Which gestures do Germans use, and which are best avoided?
The course’s relaxed and friendly atmosphere provides the ideal environment for students to internalise and practise everything they have learnt.

Course Structure
This course is your chance to build upon the content presented in the morning language classes.
At a level of difficulty appropriate to the German skills of their respective participants, all courses deal with the following regional topics:

- Germany Through Foreign Eyes
- Everyday Life in Germany
- Regional Variety
- Cultural Variety
- Germany in the World

Learning German as a foreign language isn’t just about vocabulary and correct sentence structure. Germans also structure their conversations in a particular way and adhere to a culture-specific set of values. This adherence to culture in communication is a particular focus of this course. Therefore a connection between foreign language and foreign understanding is of the utmost importance.
Practice makes perfect! To avoid being at a loss for words in everyday German, you are encouraged to actively practise your verbal expression in the communication courses.

**Target Group**
The communication courses are obligatory for those who have not chosen a specialised course. They take place at all language levels.

**Requirements for Participation**
None

**Methods**
Communicative exercises, group work, intercultural exercises, discussions

**Course Materials**
Materials are provided in the respective lessons.

**Award of ECTS Credits**
Successful completion of the course requires that the student be regularly present at both the morning language course and the communication course in the afternoons, as well as pass an end-of-course test in the morning language course.
Please click [here](#) to take a look at the ECTS credit points you can achieve during the Language and Communication Courses.