

Courses in English Course Description

Department	13 General and Interdisciplinary Studies
Course title	Cultural Exchange: Germany/Belgium/France (With Virtual Exchange with university in Ghent and Paris)
Hours per week (SWS)	2
Number of ECTS credits	2
Course objective	<p>The objectives of this course are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Examine common issues listed under "Course content" from different perspectives. •Use English as a mean of communication in an authentic international environment. •Experience cultural similarities and differences first-hand.
Prerequisites	
Recommended reading	
Teaching methods	<p>Organization of class This class is divided into two parts: in person sessions and online sessions. In person sessions will take place on the following dates from 5 to 6:30 p.m.: October 10, October 17, October 24, October 31, November 7, December 19, January 9 Online sessions will take place as follows: The week of November 14 The week of November 21 The week of November 28 The week of December 5 The week of December 12 Each week, there are five online sessions, taught by professors from Belgium, France and myself. You are expected to join one of the sessions. The online sessions will take place at the following times Monday 5 to 6:30 p.m.(two sessions) Monday 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday 12:30 to 2 p.m. In other words, beside Monday from 5 to 6:30 p.m., you should be available at one of the other times stated above from November 14 to December 12</p>
Assessment methods	<p>Grade is calculated based on completion of in-class assignments (50%) and a final presentation (50%). Further information will be given on your first day of class on Monday, October 10.</p>
Language of instruction	English
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Course content	<p>In a world that is globalized and connected, it is not only beneficial to explore some key issues within national boundaries, but it is becoming essential to take a peek beyond borders to understand other perspectives. The course is designed as an online course in collaboration with ESIEE in Paris (France) and Artevelde University of Applied Sciences in Ghent (Belgium). In this virtual exchange course, we will examine the following topics from German, French and Belgian perspective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Business etiquette •Government communication •Migration (due to war and climate change) •Media bias <p>In addition, we will take a look at some cultural similarities and differences between the three countries. As course participants will have the opportunity to work in international and multi-cultural teams, they will experience these similarities and differences first-hand, critically examine cultural theories, as well as discard stereotypes.</p>
Remarks	

