

## Courses in English Course Description

<b>Department</b>	13 General and Interdisciplinary Studies
<b>Course title</b>	<b>Gear Up! (recommended for outgoing students)</b>
<b>Course number</b>	
<b>Hours per week (SWS)</b>	2
<b>Number of ECTS credits</b>	2
<b>Course objective</b>	<p>Students will participate in international teams and use English as a mean of communication in an authentic international environment.</p> <p>Furthermore, they will have the opportunity to experience culture first-hand through interaction with students from other countries.</p> <p>At the end of the class, they will have completed the following, and better equipped to navigate international environment with confidence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>examine university life in different countries</li><li>gain insights into challenges studying abroad brings</li><li>learn the concept of culture</li><li>recognize stereotypes and how to discard them</li><li>learn to recognize and cope with cultural misunderstanding</li></ul>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	None
<b>Recommended reading</b>	
<b>Teaching methods</b>	<p>This class is divided into two parts: in person sessions and online sessions.</p> <p>Dates of the in person sessions and online sessions will be announced in our first class.</p>
<b>Assessment methods</b>	<p>Grade is calculated based on completion of in-class assignments (50%) and a final presentation (50%).</p> <p>Further information will be given on your first day of class.</p>
<b>Language of instruction</b>	English
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<b>Course content</b>	<p>A semester abroad is for many a unique way to enrich one's life. Not only does it offer academic enrichment, but it also boosts personal growth and enhances career prospects.</p> <p>While abroad, students have the opportunity to immerse themselves in a different culture, improve their language skills, and develop valuable life skills, including being independent, becoming more open-minded, and gaining a broader perspective of the world.</p> <p>This course aims to prepare students adequately for the time abroad, and anyone who wishes to study or work in an international and intercultural environment in the future.</p>
<b>Remarks</b>	Lessons are partly in person, partly online.