Courses in English
Course Description

Department	13 General and Interdisciplinary Studies
Course title	**Electoral Studies: Elections in the USA 2026 (ES)**
Course number	
Hours per week (SWS)	2
Number of ECTS credits	2
Course objective	Basic knowlegde on electoral research: electoral systems, electoral behaviour, political communication, campaign dynamics and election coverage.
Prerequisites	Proficiency in English (minimum B2 level)
Recommended reading	Russell J. Dalton (2018): Citizen Politics, London: Sage (7th edition). Andrew Denison et al. (2021): Länderbericht USA, Bonn: bpb. Pippa Norris and Ronald Inglehart (2019): Cultural Backlash, Cambridge: Cambridge UP. Polsby, Nelson W. (2023): Presidential Elections, Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield.
Teaching methods	Presentations, Discussions
Assessment methods	
Language of instruction	English
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Course content	On November 3, 2026, several elections are going to be held in the United States of America. The whole House of Representatives is going to be elected, and one third of the US Senators. Midterm elections (in-between two presidential elections) often lead to a shift of power and divided government, but they may also confirm or even strengthen a President's party. In this course, students do not only learn basics about elections and electoral research, but also observe the final phase of the campaign(s), the election night, and the initial post-election coverage. In addition to following "horse races", attention will be drawn to similarities and differences between parliamentary and presidential political systems as well as to the political culture, so students also learn about the impact different political systems and contexts do have on elections.
Remarks	The seminar runs until November 10, 2026.