Courses in English
Course Description

Department	13 General and Interdisciplinary Studies
Course title	**Germany's Political System (ES)**
Course number	
Hours per week (SWS)	2
Number of ECTS credits	2
Course objective	To get to know and understand political institutions and processes better; placing the political system and its development within a contemporary historical context.
Prerequisites	Proficiency in English (minimum B2 level)
Recommended reading	Marschall, Stefan (2023): Das politische System Deutschlands, München: UKV (5th edition). Grotz, Florian und Wolfgang Schroeder (2025): Das politische System der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, Baden-Baden: Nomos (2nd edition). Grotz, Florian, and Wolfgang Schroeder (2023): The Political System of Germany. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan. Langenbacher, Eric (2022). The German polity. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield (12th edition).
Teaching methods	Lecture, written exam
Assessment methods	
Language of instruction	English
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Course content	The political system structures and influences social action. The lecture explains the origins, development, and transformation of the political system in Germany. It focuses on political institutions at the federal level and on decision-making processes in which citizens, members of parliament, and interest groups are involved. Furthermore, the Federal Republic is a federal state in which the Länder (states) possess their own scope for decision-making while also influencing decisions at the federal level. Finally, Germany is part of the European Union, which likewise affects political processes and policies. The lecture provides students with an overview of the institutions and political processes in Germany's political system.
Remarks	Regular attendance would be appropriate.