COURSE DETAIL

GERMANY'S POLITICAL LANDSCAPE: INSTITUTIONS AND PROCESSES
Country Germany
Host Institution Free University of Berlin
Program(s) Free University Berlin
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) German
UCEAP Course Number 105
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title GERMANY'S POLITICAL LANDSCAPE: INSTITUTIONS AND PROCESSES
UCEAP Transcript Title GERMAN POLITICS
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description

This seminar examines in detail the key political institutions and internal processes of the German political system. It takes an in-depth look at the workings of German democracy, the institutions of the state, and the political and legal frameworks that guide political decision-making at the federal, state, and municipal levels. Students engage with the constitutional bodies, the Bundestag and the Bundesrat, discuss the duties and powers of the Federal Government, the Federal Chancellor, and the Federal President, explore the parliamentary system and Germany’s intelligence services, and address questions regarding political communication and decision-making. Drawing on selected historical turning points in post-war German politics, such as the resignation of Federal Chancellor Willy Brandt, students immerse themselves in the history and contemporary reality of the German political landscape. Program: Students acquire a solid understanding of Germany’s political system. They are enabled to critically reflect upon political institutions and processes, comprehend their operational mechanisms, and recognize the challenges and potentials that political actors and institutions have faced throughout the history of the Federal Republic.

Language(s) of Instruction
German

Host Institution Course Number
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