



DIGITAL INTERNATIONAL GENERAL STUDIES (DISG)

- Course offer for summer semester 2022 -

Elective: World Politics on Campus - Welcoming the World at H-BRS

Lecturers: [Dr. Luc Da Gbadji](#) and [Christine Freitag](#)

Dates & Time: Thursday, 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM (CET), online; dates for individual keynote lectures will be published at the beginning of the semester.

Frequency: 2 hours per week; online sessions: Guest Keynote Lecture Series, talks and discussions, internal sessions.

Language: English

ECTS: number of ECTS points students receive depends on the examination regulations (*Prüfungsordnung*) of the respective programme that the student is enrolled in.

Target Group: The elective course and the guest lecture series are open to students of all bachelor's and master's programmes/departments and of different semesters at H-BRS and as well as to interested students of our partner universities. There is no limit in the number of students.

Assessment: Digital poster on one of the topics of your choice that has been thematized by (one of) the Keynote Speakers, online pitch presentations of the posters (only) during the last semester session. 80% attendance (keynote lectures are mandatory).

Registration: [LEA](#) students from other universities should write an email to studium-generale@h-brs.de; registration deadline: 13 March 2022

Course Description: The "Western" model of policy, governance and economy is increasingly being challenged. With China, a new power is rising. Alternative models to the Western democracy claim to deal more effectively with new developments and mega-trends. Climate change and pollution require drastic and immediate measures. Populations in privileged countries fear global migration. The fairness of the distribution of income and wealth in the world is questioned. Populist political figures are gaining ground, and multilateral institutions are being discredited.

Over the last decades, globalisation has impacted the entire world. Many industries profited from globalization, and companies of all sizes have become extremely active on the international stage. Globalization has created growth, jobs and financial strength, and has allowed us to invest in future technologies. Even though it is unimaginable to significantly scale back the degree of globalization, the world is struggling to find solutions for its detrimental effects.

The lecture series **World Politics on Campus – Welcoming the World at Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg, University of Applied Sciences** provides insights into the challenges lying ahead of us. It attempts to shed light on the issues from more than one standpoint. We invite outstanding and distinguished international personalities, experts and decision-makers who are able to introduce the audience to the views of the nations and cultures they represent. Participants will be able to engage in conversation, ask questions and enter discussion.



Learning contents:

- Discussing and applying in a practice-oriented manner, aspects of world politics, economics, sustainability and sustainable policy, social policy and social security (social protection systems), innovation management, international business and relations, trade and geography and many more;
- This course will provide students ideas and insights into global issues and aspects beyond the scope of their individual curricula;

Methodology:

- Guest Keynote (key experts such as ambassadors);
- Online lectures and discussions;
- independent research (inside and outside class) to design a poster;
- Meetings and online discussions with H-BRS colleagues from other departments and exchange on cross-curricular topics, e.g. during breakout sessions;
- Poster session (online poster fair at the end of the semester as a method of assessment).

Further information: <https://www.h-brs.de/en/wiwi/world-politics>

Elective: Working in international virtual teams

Lecturer: [Eileen Küpper](#)

Dates: tba shortly, online

Frequency: 2 hours per week

Language: English

ECTS: number of ECTS points students receive depends on the examination regulations (*Prüfungsordnung*) of the respective programme that the student is enrolled in.

Target Group: H-BRS students from all departments and study programmes and interested students from the following partner universities:

[Zuyd University of Applied Sciences](#) (The Netherlands), [Mohammed VI Polytechnic University](#) (Morocco) and [German Jordanien University](#) (Jordan).

Assessment: information will follow shortly

Registration: [LEA](#) students from other universities should write an email to studium-generale@h-brs.de; registration deadline: 13 March 2022

Course Description: Highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic, working remotely in teams has become widely accepted and relevant to all industries and professionals. Working with virtual teams has many benefits, such as the opportunity to access an international pool of talent and leverage diverse experiences and perspectives. However, it also has many challenges. In this course we will develop the



skills to improve your ability to work remotely and across cultures and time zones, by modelling a global virtual teamwork scenario and critically analysing the experience.

Elective: Diversity Management

Lecturer: [Eileen Küpper](#)

Dates: Wednesday, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CET)

Frequency: 2 hours per week

Language: English

ECTS: number of ECTS points students receive depends on the examination regulations (*Prüfungsordnung*) of the respective programme that the student is enrolled in.

Target Group: H-BRS students from all departments and study programmes and interested students from partner universities.

Assessment: 30% active participation in class discussions, media reflection (short essay) 30%, thread discussion 40% (initiate and moderate a topic of interest from the field of Diversity Management in the online discussion thread).

Registration: [LEA](#) students from other universities should write an email to studium-generale@h-brs.de; registration deadline: 13 March 2022

Course Description: As the marketplace for goods and services becomes increasingly global, businesses must understand and embrace diversity in their brands as well as in their work forces.

This course will help you develop a better self-awareness of your own values, unconscious bias and behaviour patterns and understand how these affect your interpersonal interaction. We will review basic theoretical approaches to the impact of diversity in the workplace and learn strategies and approaches for the management of diversity with respect to e.g. gender, age, religion & worldview, culture, race ethnicity, sexual orientation and physical ability.

Elective: Intercultural Communication

Lecturer: [Eileen Küpper](#)

Dates: Thursday, 1:00 PM - 3:15 PM (CET), starting on 31 March 2022

Frequency: 2 hours per week

Language: English

ECTS: number of ECTS points students receive depends on the examination regulations (*Prüfungsordnung*) of the respective programme that the student is enrolled in.



Target Group: H-BRS students from all departments and study programmes and interested students from partner universities.

Assessment: 30% participation in class discussions, 40% interview, 30% case study (short essay).

Registration: [LEA](#) students from other universities should write an email to studium-generale@h-brs.de; registration deadline: 13 March 2022

Course Description: This course focuses on the importance of culture in our everyday lives. We live in an era of rapid globalization in which being able to communicate across cultures is essential to our ability to function in a diverse workplace and world. This course is designed to equip you with the key skills and ways of thinking to enable you to communicate, negotiate and continue to learn across diverse social and cultural settings and prepare for work in intercultural environments whether in the field of business or science.

Elective: Certificate Programme E-Tutor

Lecturer: [Lena Wiesler](#) and colleagues from H-BRS [E-Learning team](#)

Dates: Friday, 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM (CET) (6 sessions)

Frequency: 6 block sessions

01.04.2022 (Fri): Kick-Off

08.04.2022 (Fri): Basic module: Didactics & Presentation

22.04.2022 (Fri): Basic module: Conception & Interactive Learning Modules

13.05.2022 (Fri): Basic Module: Course Design in LEA

02.06. (Thu), 03.06. (Fri), 09.06. (Thu), 10.06. (Fri): Advanced modules

24.06.2022 (Fri): Final session & presentation of results

Language: German

ECTS: number of ECTS points students receive depends on the examination regulations (*Prüfungsordnung*) of the respective programme that the student is enrolled in.

Target Group: H-BRS students from all departments and study programmes and interested students from partner universities.

Assessment: Active participation in the online sessions (100 %), timely submission of self-prepared learning materials, possibly timely submission of learning materials revised on the basis of feedback.

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Course Description:

The acquisition of knowledge in the areas of media design, digital learning environments and media didactics strengthen the students' media competence and enable them to design and implement digital teaching-learning settings.



Students must complete the three basic modules (compulsory modules)

- Didactics & Presentation Workshop
- Conception & Interactive Learning Modules
- Course Design in LEA

as well as at least one advanced module.

What competences can you acquire?

Structured and didactically sensible approach to the conception and production of digital learning materials as well as knowledge of the software presented (PowerPoint, ILIAS, Articulate Rise).

How do we want to work (teaching and learning methods)?

- Regular Webex meetings

- Theoretical input
- Group work
- Working together with presented software
- Use of digital tools for interaction & collaboration (Miro, Slido)

- Information and exchange in the LEA course

Further information: <https://www.h-brs.de/de/bib/e-tutoren-zertifikatsprogramm>

Elective: Ethics - What's the right thing to do

Lecturer: [James Chamberlain](#)

Dates: Thursday, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM (CET)

Frequency: 2 hours per week online

Language: English

ECTS: number of ECTS points students receive depends on the examination regulations (*Prüfungsordnung*) of the respective programme that the student is enrolled in.

Target Group: H-BRS students from all departments and study programs and English B2/C1 or comparable knowledge.

Assessment: A 75% attendance rate and a final essay are the requirements for passing the course.

Registration: [LEA](#) students from other universities should write an email to studium-generale@h-brs.de; registration deadline: 13 March 2022

Course Description: In this course we will examine difficult moral dilemmas and try to answer the question, “What is the right thing to do?” The course aims to help students become more critically minded thinkers about the moral decisions we all face in our everyday lives. We will address some of the controversial topics of our day – executive bonuses, affirmative action, same-sex marriage, state



surveillance and individual rights. - After registering for this course, students will be granted access to the course on LEA, where the course materials can be downloaded.

Elective: Global Philosophy - How the world thinks

Lecturer: [James Chamberlain](#)

Dates: Friday, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM (CET)

Frequency: 2 hours per week online

Language: English

ECTS: number of ECTS points students receive depends on the examination regulations (*Prüfungsordnung*) of the respective programme that the student is enrolled in.

Target Group: H-BRS students from all departments and study programmes and English B2/C1 or comparable knowledge.

Assessment: A 75% attendance rate and a final essay are the requirements for passing the course.

Registration: [LEA](#) Students from other universities should write an email to studium-generale@h-brs.de; registration deadline: 13 March 2022

Course Description: The word “philosophy” is a Greek word, and as such describes a Western way of thinking. So much so, that when we think of philosophy, we tend to assume that it is based on written texts and systematic thought. When we broaden our scope and consider other philosophical traditions, the emphasis often remains focused on the transmission of seminal texts, as in India, China and Japan. But there are philosophical traditions all around the world, many of them following oral traditions, as in Africa or in Australia. Using Julian Baggini’s book as a guide, we want to explore together these non-European traditions, and discuss “how the world thinks” about knowledge, individualism, how we ought to live, and much more. - After registering for this course, students will be granted access to the course on LEA, where the course materials can be downloaded.

Elective: International Career Building

Lecturer: Jens Andreas Faulstich (<https://www.hs-koblenz.de/profile/faulstic>)

Dates: Tuesday, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM (CET), from 5 April 2022 to 28 June 2022

Frequency: 2 hours per week

Language: English (CEFR level B2 or higher)

ECTS: number of ECTS points students receive depends on the examination regulations (*Prüfungsordnung*) of the respective programme that the student is enrolled in.

Target Group: H-BRS students from all departments and study programmes and interested students from partner universities.



Assessment: Active participation in 80% of the synchronous class sessions and the group project + submission of written documentation as described in class and via online platform.

Registration: [LEA](#) students from other universities should write an email to studium-generale@h-brs.de; registration deadline: 13 March 2022

Course Description:

- Strategic planning of international projects and activities in academic contexts (short-term/long-term; student exchange or internship; thesis projects in other countries and cultures)
- Effective job search methods in different regional and cultural environments (CV / resume writing; anti-discrimination policies in the HR sector; the role of social platforms and internship/job search engines in international career development)
- Interview practices and simulated job interviews
- Selected assessment centre tasks
- Culture at work (hierarchies; written and unwritten rules of conduct; formal and informal communication styles)

After completing this course, students:

- know about job search methods in selected countries and cultural environments
- are able to write convincing letters of motivation, CVs and resumes
- are familiar with typical interview questions and are able to answer them in English
- are familiar with selected assessment centre tasks
- are aware of some cultural differences they need to expect and know some strategies for successful integration in an international work environment.