



Tübingen - Virtual Intercultural Program

October 5 – December 11, 2026

Course title	Germany - NOW!
Course content	The course Germany - NOW! takes you on a tour of Germany: politics, people, places, popular culture. What is the German nation debating? What shapes – or has shaped - German identity? Over the last 30 years, re-unified Germany has moved centre-stage in global politics. It is one of the strongest national economies worldwide and with its soft power wields immense geopolitical influence. And yet, its self-perception seems at odds both with this reality, as well as with the external perception of other countries observing Germany. Is Germany indeed rising to the challenge of the Zeitenwende (change of an era) or is it somewhat stuck in Reformstau (traffic jam of reforms)? Key to course participation is a willingness to contribute to our debate so that from our different cultural perspectives we learn not only about Germany but about ourselves. It is your interests which will shape the curriculum, so get ready to ask your questions about Germany! I will try to accommodate all topics.
Learning objectives	In this course, you will (in self-study, group discussions and the plenary forum) ◦ acquire a broad knowledge of ongoing debates in Germany. ◦ learn about the German public sphere and how it is shaped. ◦ discuss many topics, not least those of special interest to you.
Method of instruction	- Distance learning; - 3 academic hours/week (1 h = 45 minutes); - Courses will be taught via ZOOM (90 min) and Moodle (45 min).
Academic hours	3 hours per week on Zoom.
Course requirements	Course requirement is a good command of English (B1 and higher) enabling you not only to listen to but also to actively participate in discussions, to do the required reading and take part in group activities.
Credits & Grading	4 ECTS
Course language	English
Number of places	Max. 25-30
Course instructor	Dr. Karen Diehl
Schedule	Course takes place Mondays, at 9:00am (German time) First lesson on Monday, October 5 at 9:00am (German time)