



DIGITAL INTERNATIONAL GENERAL STUDIES (DISG)

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Elective: Becoming Intercultural Diversity Ambassadors (BIDA) (2 combined electives)

Lecturer: [Eileen Küpper](#) and [Christine Freitag](#) in cooperation with [Mount Kenya University](#) in Kenya, the [Institute of Finance Management](#) in Tanzania and the [University of Zambia](#) in Zambia

Dates:

- 4 Nov 2022 (2:00 PM - 5:00 PM, CEST) and 5 Nov 2022 (10 AM - 5:00 PM, CEST), online
- 26 Nov 2022 (10 AM - 5:00 PM, CEST), online
- 2 weeks spring school in Kenya and Tanzania (18 February - 5 March 2023)
- 1 week summer school at H-BRS (7 - 14 May 2023)

Frequency: The course combines 2 electives (winter semester 2022/2023 and summer semester 2023), which must be taken both together!

Online block sessions from October to December 2022; additionally, a 15 days Spring School in Kenya and Tanzania in from Mid-February till the beginning of March 2023 and a 7 days Summer School in May / June 2023 at H-BRS, when the students from Africa will visit us.

Language: English

ECTS: 6 ECTS

Target Group: H-BRS students from the **Department and Management Sciences** and the **Department of Social Policy and Social Security Studies** as well as students from Mount Kenya University (Kenya), the Institute of Finance Management (Tanzania) and the University of Zambia (Zambia).

The number of H-BRS students is limited to 10 in total. Together with the students from Africa, a total of 40 students can participate in the course.

Assessment: Active participation in the online phase, Spring School and Summer School; development of grassroots action in the area of inclusion and equity to be implemented in consultation with the Diversity Management Team at H-BRS. Final group presentation of these actions during the Summer School.

Registration: Registration is no longer possible as the course started in winter semester 2022/2023.

Course Description:

During the online phase (Nov-Dec 2022) all 40 participating students will be grouped into five mixed teams of 8 students (2 students from each university) who will work together virtually. Constructing diverse groups promotes the development of cross-group relationships as well as reduces out-group biases and in turn, reduces discrimination.

Each team will choose a diversity dimension e.g. gender, culture, health etc. and compare and contrast how this dimension is highlighted within their own country and institution, what barriers exist and what measures are taken to encourage equity and inclusion. The focus will be on what they can learn from each other and how this information can be transferred to their own institutions and communities. This will be, in part, taught online by lecturers from all 4 participating institutions as well as involve group research and coordination. It will be hosted and coordinated by H-BRS.

In January 2023 a joint intercultural workshop will be held virtually for all course participants to wrap up the online phase.



The Spring School will take place for 2 weeks in total (Feb/Mar at MKU + IFM in 2023) with all 40 students, who will participate in joint classes, workshops and field trips. The hosting students will be study buddies for the guest students.

The Summer School will take place in Germany from 7 - 14 May 2023 for 1 week for all course participants. This will be organised and coordinated by H-BRS in conjunction with the Diversity Management team and International Office. Students will participate in joint classes, workshops, field trips and the hosting H-BRS students will be study buddies for the guest students. The visiting staff will provide guest lectures and support. This event will be scheduled in alignment with the Respect project which is held annually at H-BRS to raise awareness for diversity and inclusion both at the university and within the local community with a myriad of events. The course participants will contribute to this event in various ways e.g world cafe, impulse workshops etc. The course wrap-up will include final group presentations, feedback, dissemination proposals and a closing ceremony.

This is a blended learning course with both online and face-to-face sessions where the students work in intercultural teams online and then meet their intercultural partners in both Sub-Saharan Africa and Germany. This method allows students to have more autonomy over their learning and time management, increases student engagement as well as improving accessibility and inclusion. The desired impact of this course for the students is to develop and enhance both transversal skills (intercultural, problem-solving, critical thinking, communication etc.) and future skills (digital, inclusion, civic engagement etc.). This will enable the students to tackle future work challenges in a global, intercultural and inclusive world and further their personal development and self- confidence. The blended mobility approach will expose students to different viewpoints, knowledge, and teaching methods. It will help them to learn to adapt to new situations and to work in diverse teams developing their coping strategies for any challenges that may occur. One key element is to increase the awareness of privilege and the barriers that exist that prevent inclusion and how these can be removed. While long term physical mobility is strongly encouraged by all of the participating institutions, this course offers a more flexible physical mobility duration to ensure that it is accessible to students from all backgrounds, circumstances and those with fewer opportunities. It will also help to increase future employment opportunities as students who have taken part in institutionalised mobility often have an easier entry into the labour market, with better jobs and higher responsibilities compared with their 'sedentary' peers. Students will be granted 6 ECTS for the participation in this course. Students are trained to be multipliers for intercultural diversity and encouraged to act as ambassadors at their universities and in their local communities by developing grassroots measures of inclusion and equity in collaboration with diversity management and knowledge transfer offices at their local university.



Elective: Certificate Programme E-Tutor

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

Dates: Thursday, 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM (CEST) (6 sessions) online, some advanced modules will be offered on Fridays

Frequency: 6 block sessions

30.03.2023: Introduction & getting to know each other (Thu, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM)
face-to-face session on campus in Sankt Augustin

Basic modules:

06.04.2023: Didactics & Presentation

20.04.2023: Conception & Interactive Learning Modules (Rise + LEA learning module)

11.05.2023: Course Design in LEA

Advanced modules

25.05.2023 (Thu) 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM (CEST): Test & Quiz in Teaching

26.05.2023 (Fri) 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CEST): Structure online teaching through video conferences

15.06.2023 (Thu) 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CEST): Voice & Podcast (in presence in Sankt Augustin!)

22.06.2023 (Thu) 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM (CEST): Open Educational Resources & Copyright

23.06.2023 (Thu, 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM): 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.

Registration: H-BRS students will register through [LEA](#). Students from other universities will either register at their respective university or should write an email to studium-generale@h-brs.de; registration period: 20 February 2023 from 12 PM (CEST) till 12 March 2023 at 11:55 PM (CEST).

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 two 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: International Career Building

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

Dates: Thursday, 2:15 PM - 3:45 PM (CEST), online
13 April - 6 July 2023

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. However, the amount of time spent on the course usually corresponds to 3 ECTS.

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. Active participation in scheduled small-group meetings in order to prepare for project-based assignments. Five individual online submissions (one per sub-topic, 20% each) as described in class and via online platform.

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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.



Elective: Presentation and Rhethorical Skills (PARS)

Lecturers: [Daniel Seibert](#)

Dates: Tuesday, 3:15 PM - 5:45 PM (CEST), Course starts on 11 April, online

Frequency: 3 hours per week, depending on number of participants, class usually finished after two thirds of term

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. However, the amount of time spent on the course usually corresponds to 3 ECTS.

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

Assessment:

- Formal and informal introductions
- Impromptu talks
- Dramatic reading and voice recording
- Group presentations (informative, persuasive or entertaining)
- Analyze speeches & presentations
- Offer constructive oral and written peer feedback
- Reflect on own language usage and communication skills in an international context
- Complete all content review quizzes on LEA

Students are required to attend all sessions to pass the course as well as completing all assigned tasks (impromptu talk, mp3 recording and voice power speech, slides, mini presentation, final presentation, online quizzes as well as peer feedback and self-reflection).

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Course Description:

Effective oral communication skills and use of rhetorical techniques are important in business communication. The goal of this course is to offer the basis for using language effectively to inform or persuade an audience using English as a lingua franca. Special emphasis is given to language usage for an international audience. Hands-on exercises to practice different communication situations are offered in this workshop-style course.

Content

- Introduction to the communication process
- Verbal and nonverbal communication (English in an international context)
- Body language and voice training
- Opening and closing a presentation
- Planning and structuring a presentation



- Impact techniques (Great speakers)
- Informative and persuasive presentations
- Visuals and use of appropriate media (PowerPoint, Prezi, video, audio)
- Bringing it all together: delivering a presentation
- Learning to give constructive, peer feedback
- Learning to cope with anxiety and language issues

Competencies to be acquired

Students

- demonstrate confidence in speaking English in different communication scenarios
- learn to prepare, organize, and deliver an impromptu talk
- learn to conduct professional presentations. Work in teams and to prepare spontaneous informative short presentations.
- prepare a presentation for an international audience using English as a lingua franca.
- analyze great rhetorical speeches and techniques
- reflect on own work and offer constructive, peer feedback.

Teaching and Learning Methods

Lectures from instructor and students, short presentations, and rhetorical exercises; group presentation, oral and written peer and instructor feedback as well as student reflection.

Quality Control

During class the students receive feedback from peers and the instructor on the different assignments as well as guided reflection based on different feedback, discussions, and personal reflection. Each student has their own personal learning goals and can reflect on the overall performance. A feedback questionnaire offers opportunities to reflect on the group dynamics, content, teaching style and overall rating of the course, which is offered as the basis of the final feedback



Elective: Social Entrepreneurship: Creating value for society and environment

Lecturer: [Kerstin Schickendanz](#)

Dates: Wednesday, 2:00 PM - 5:15 PM (CEST), online

5.4.2023, 2:00 PM - 5:15 PM
12.4.2023, 2:00 PM - 5:15 PM
19.4.2023, 2:00 PM - 5:15 PM
26.4.2023, 2:00 PM - 5:15 PM
3.5.2023, 2:00 PM - 5:15 PM
10.5.2023, 2:00 PM - 5:15 PM
31.5.2023 (Examination Date), 2:00 PM - 5:15 PM

Frequency: 4 lecture units every 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. However, the amount of time spent on the course usually corresponds to 3 ECTS.

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

Assessment: Attendance and Participation (30%); presentation of own social innovation and self-reflections (40%); Self-Reflections (30%)

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Course Description:

The emergence of new social, environmental and demographic challenges, which are of a complex multidisciplinary character, has driven society's consciousness of the issue of social innovation worldwide. Social innovation is the creation and implementation of a novel concept or idea that benefits society through community, business, institutional and/or behavioural change.

This module will guide you in understanding how processes of social innovation work and how to develop yourself to play a role within them. You will learn how social innovation processes are used to address critical societal challenges. Social innovations have a significant role in overcoming and resolving these problems and challenges. International student teams collaborate and apply their education and expertise to address current global social challenges in this course.

Whether you want to change the world or help make your neighbourhood a better place to live, this module will help you achieve your desire to make a difference. You will learn how to develop creative context-relevant innovations to address different sectors, such as employment, gender, poverty and the environment.

Learning and teaching approach:

In-class lectures will introduce students to the core theories, tools and approaches underpinning social innovation, and students will discuss and debate different strategies that might apply to featured social innovations.



Teamwork will focus on participants' engagement, creativity, and teambuilding. The workshop's output will result in presenting the team's social innovation idea and its implementation strategy. A final highly developed concept to share online.