

Course Syllabus

Study programme/Academic unit	International Office
Course code	IOSS24IAEC
Course title	Inside Austria: Exploring a New Culture
Cycle	1st cycle (BA) / 2nd cycle (MA)
ECTS credits / contact hours	3 ECTS /2 SWS
Teaching units	28 units
Course type	Lecture with integrated project work (ILV)
Prerequisites	None
Language of instruction	English
Course content	<p>This course provides the most important information on and insights into Austria. A country that has a lot of history and scenic beauty to offer. In addition to historical, political and geographical facts, students will gain a broader impression of the various influences that have shaped Austrian society and its cultural and national identity. Austrian values, traditions, customs and ways of life are discussed in detail. Different aspects of Austrian culture are explored and cultural differences or similarities will be discussed. Students continuously reflect on their experiences and become aware of their own cultural conditioning. During an excursion, students can deepen their Austrian experience.</p>
Learning outcomes	<p>By the end of the course, students can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ describe major geographical, historical & political aspects of Austria ▪ characterize the Austrian people and their way of life ▪ describe, understand and explain Austria's culture, traditions and customs ▪ reflect on their experiences during their stay in Austria ▪ compare and contrast their country with Austria in terms of its people and cultural values
Learning methods	Learning is supported through interactive discussions, collaborative and small-group exercises, workshop and excursion

Assessment methods & criteria	Participation in discussions, presentations, written tasks
Attendance	Minimum Attendance 75%