

Course Descriptions CiE

Course code: t.b.a.

Course title : The Eurosceptic and the Eurofriendly: Britain and Ireland in the EU (AW-course but also for students pursuing ZQ European Studies)
(Seminar)

Hours per week: 4 periods, (app) every other week, Tuesdays 5 – 8 pm, dates: see course catalogues

Semester: semester 2 and up

Number of Credits allocated/work load: 2

Course contents:

Whereas the British have always given the impression of being sceptical of or even positively hostile to the idea and the development of the European Union, the Republic of Ireland has become one of Europe's showcases, with pride in European Union membership and a strong European identity. This course will deal with the cultures of the two EU members and their own definitions as such from the early decades of the EC's/EU's existence. It will become obvious that the path to European integration – should it ever be successful - is paved with national myths and collective irrationalities. But it is exactly those irrationalities that are most instructive for an understanding of cultures.

Prerequisites: excellent English, strong commitment to active participation, regular attendance (2 absences permitted), willingness to do some research and use various libraries in Munich

Objective of the course/learning outcome:

Students are introduced to the European Union from the perspectives of Britain and Ireland, as well as to those aspects of British and Irish cultures that may explain their attitudes towards the EU. They will also learn how to talk about EU issues in English

Recommended Reading: short bibliography will be distributed during first session, as well as PPP (note: there will not be a fully worked out script for students to do independent study with!)

Teaching methods: Much will depend on student activity: student presentations will alternate with class discussion, group work, and lectures.

Assessment methods: An individual in-class presentation of app. 30-40 minutes and a term paper (of app. 7-10 pages based on the presentation) will determine students' grades; bibliography and list of presentation topics available in 1st session, as well as some guidelines as to how to write a term paper

Language of instruction: English

Note: 15 students max

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