

# THE GERMAN ECONOMY (SEMINAR FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS) (GES)

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## Description

In this seminar, students learn about the “The German Economy” by writing and presenting a paper on a policy relevant topic and by giving feedback to fellow student’s papers and presentations. Analysis will be based on introductory economics, reports by national and international organisations and scientific papers.

Topics cover a broad range and include, for example, the impact of the relatively new and recently raised minimum wage, the desirability of the imminent return of public finances to the rules of the debt brake (“Schuldenbremse”), and the merits of the recently introduced national emission trading system (“nationale Emissionshandelsstelle”, nEHS).

## Target group

The course is exclusively targeted at foreign exchange students who want to get acquainted with their host country’s economy and economic policy debate.

The course language is English.

Some prior knowledge in economics is required.

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## Registration

There is an upper limit of 12 participants.

**Deadline for registration is THU 12.10.2023.**

Students will be informed of successful or unsuccessful registrations on FRI 13.10.2023.

The seminar uses the GRIPS/Moodle course GES23 (short name)

## Sessions

Attendance is mandatory.

- Four **introductory sessions** starting in the first week of the lecture period on WED 18.10.2023, with further sessions on 25.10., 08.11., 15.11. Some preliminary work has to be submitted at this stage, e.g. a list of suitable sources, a project description, preliminary results
- **Topics** will be allocated to students after students have indicated their preferences in the first session.
- Five **presentation sessions** with two or three presentations each, starting after the winter break on 10.01.2024, with the last session in the last week of the lecture period on 07.02.2024. Full papers must be submitted in advance of presentation.

## Grading

Grading is based on the paper and the presentation.

## Hints

Availability of this document: Linked from Homepage, linked from GRIPS course GES23.

In the summer term there is a course (lecture & tutorial) "The German Economy".