

Titel: Freiburg Green City – Political Aspects of Environmental Change

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Sprache: Englisch

Teilnahme: Die Teilnahme ist auf fünf Studierende der Universität Münster begrenzt; um vorherige Anmeldung/Rücksprache wird gebeten. Es besteht die Möglichkeit zur Teilnahme auch nur an Teilveranstaltungen nach individueller Absprache von insgesamt vier Tagen mit 2 SWS (ohne Mid Term Quiz und mündliche Präsentation, s.u.).

In this course we will take a look at the “Green City” Freiburg. After a thorough introduction to environmental politics, we will analyze and discuss efficiency, effectiveness and other properties of policies in several different areas of environmental concern. In accompanying field trips, we will get to know local enterprises and learn first-hand about the relevance of economic incentives, the “Freiburg factor,” and individual entrepreneurship in doing “green business.”

Learning outcomes:

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- ≡ Define the foundations of environmental policy
- ≡ Recognize what constitutes Freiburg as a Green City
- ≡ Explain various policy measures in different areas of environmental concern
- ≡ Critically discuss green business in and around Freiburg through first-hand experience
- ≡ Assess environmental policy outcomes through critical reflection
- ≡ Give examples of possibilities and limits regarding the transfer to other cities

Method of presentation: Lecture, student presentations, discussion, field trips

Grading model:

- Classroom Participation (25%): This includes contributions to discussions and group work in and outside class as well as written assignments/homework.
- Mid Term Quiz (25%): Multiple choice questions to check on the students' learning outcome after having laid the basis in environmental politics in Freiburg and Germany.
- Presentation – Green Project Profile (25%): The students present a self-selected 'green' project in Freiburg. The presentation should last 10-15 min. followed by questions and answers/discussion.
- Term paper – Green Project Profile (25%): The students analyze and discuss the presented project against the background of Freiburg's policy in this field (mobility, waste, energy etc.) in a written term paper.