

National Research Mordovia State University (MRSU)	
Faculty of Foreign Languages	
S Y L L A B U S	
Course Name	Country Studies 2 Foreign Language (German)
Degree Programme	Bachelor of Linguistics (Track “Teaching Languages and Cross Cultural communication”)
Year of Study	3 year
Semester	Spring
ECTS (36 hrs per ECTS)	3 (108 hrs)
Instructor(s)	Prof. Irina Maskinskowa , Associate Professor, Department of German Philology, Faculty of Foreign Languages
Language of Instruction	German
Course Requirements	At least B 1 German Previously studied courses «Country Studies (UK, USA)»
Course Overview	The course is intended for undergraduate students interested in in-depth study of the cultural and historical heritage of German speaking countries. The required level of German is up from B1
Learning Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define regional and cultural features of German speaking countries; • Review and evaluate geography, history, political structure, cultural traditions of German speaking countries; • Plan and implement cross-cultural communication issue in the situations of communication with the representatives of other cultures; • Overcome stereotypes in cross-cultural dialogue based on the awareness of cultural and historical features.
Course unit contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module 1. Weeks 1-6. German landscapes: the most beautiful regions. • Module 2. Weeks 7-10. The historical path to present-day Germany • Module 3. Weeks 10-14. Germany and Germans in Europe: politics, economy, culture, everyday life. • Module 4. Weeks 14-18. German speaking countries
Course Structure	Total number of contact hours: 37 Lectures: 18 hrs. (9 lectures) Seminars: 18 hrs. (9 seminars) Tutoring: 1 hrs. Self-study: 71 hrs.
Teaching methods	Interactive lectures, discovery learning, cooperative learning, practical learning
Grading System (including segment percentage)	Oral Q&A sessions on lectures content (30%) Student presentation (30%) Three course tests during the semester (10%) Final Assessment (30%)
Textbooks and Mandatory Reading	1. Козьмин О. Г. Германия. История и современность: учеб. Пособие по страноведению. - М.: Высшая школа, 2012. -400 с. 2. Ушаков Д. С. Страноведение: учеб. пособие. - М.-Ростов н/Д: МарТ, 2007. – 255 с. б) дополнительная литература:

	1. Панасюк, Х. Г.-И. Германия. Праздники и обычаи [Электронный ресурс] / Х. Г.-И. Панасюк, А.А. Бейлина. - Минск: Выш. шк., 2009. - 224 с. - ISBN 978-985-06-1541-1. http://znanium.com/bookread2.php?book=505727
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Grading system		
Grade	No. of points	Description
5	86-91	Excellent
4	71-85	Good
3	51 - 70	Satisfactory
2	Below 51 point	Fail