

<b>National Research Mordovia State University (MRSU)</b>	
<b>Faculty of Foreign Languages</b>	
<b>S Y L L A B U S</b>	
<b>Course Name</b>	Country Studies 2 <b>Foreign Language</b> (German)
<b>Degree Programme</b>	Translation and Translation Studies Specialization: "Linguistic Support for International Relations"
<b>Year of Study</b>	3 year
<b>Semester</b>	Spring
<b>ECTS (36 hrs per ECTS)</b>	3 (108 hrs)
<b>Instructor(s)</b>	<a href="#">Prof. Irina Maskinskowa</a> , Associate Professor, Department of German Philology, Faculty of Foreign Languages
<b>Language of Instruction</b>	German
<b>Course Requirements</b>	At least B 1 German Previously studied courses «Country Studies (UK, USA)»
<b>Course Overview</b>	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 <b>B1</b>
<b>Learning Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define regional and cultural features of German speaking countries;</li> <li>• Review and evaluate geography, history, political structure, cultural traditions of German speaking countries;</li> <li>• Plan and implement cross-cultural communication issue in the situations of communication with the representatives of other cultures;</li> <li>• Overcome stereotypes in cross-cultural dialogue based on the awareness of cultural and historical features.</li> </ul>
<b>Course unit contents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Module 1. Weeks 1-6. <b>German landscapes: the most beautiful regions.</b></li> <li>• Module 2. Weeks 7-10. <b>The historical path to present-day Germany</b></li> <li>• Module 3. Weeks 10-14. Germany and Germans in Europe: politics, economy, culture, everyday life.</li> <li>• Module 4. Weeks 14-18. German speaking countries</li> </ul>
<b>Course Structure</b>	Total number of contact hours: 37 Lectures: 18 hrs. (9 lectures) Seminars: 18 hrs. (9 seminars) Tutoring: 1 hrs. Self-study: 71 hrs.
<b>Teaching methods</b>	Interactive lectures, discovery learning, cooperative learning, practical learning
<b>Grading System (including segment percentage)</b>	<b>Oral Q&amp;A sessions on lectures content</b> (30%) Student presentation (30%) Three course tests during the semester (10%) Final Assessment (30%)
<b>Textbooks and Mandatory Reading</b>	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. <a href="http://znanium.com/bookread2.php?book=505727">http://znanium.com/bookread2.php?book=505727</a>
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<b>Grading system</b>		
<b>Grade</b>	<b>No. of points</b>	<b>Description</b>
5	86-91	Excellent
4	71-85	Good
3	51 - 70	Satisfactory
2	Below 51 point	Fail