

International Project Week (IPW) 2019 from 20th to 24th May 2019

Before the IPW

In order to facilitate the organisation, we ask you to fill in the online application **before 20th January 2019**:

https://www.service4mobility.com/europe/BewerbungServlet?identifier=NORDHAU01&kz_bew_pers=L&kz_bew_art=IN&aust_prog=Lehrende-IN&sprache=en

Please suggest two possible project topics and define your teaching language. The preferable teaching language is English, but in special cases French, Spanish, Italian, Russian or the combination of two languages (e.g. English and Spanish) might be possible.

This year we have our 21st International Project Week and we would like to celebrate this special week by focussing on **Challenges in the 21st Century**. Please try to define your topics considering this framework. Projects in Social Work, Social or Public Management, Business Studies, Public Health and (Environmental) Engineering are always popular among our students. Interdisciplinary projects, developing "soft skills" such as communication, cultural awareness or career orientation, are an interesting option as well.

In most of our programmes, the participation in the IPW is compulsory for undergraduate students in the first year (so please adapt the level of your projects to these students), but the last years have shown that 2nd and 3rd year students participated as well.

A commission will select the projects in early February. We will inform you as soon as possible if your project (and which one) has been selected. We will send you all necessary information and documents (including the "Teaching Assignment") by the end of February 2019.

During the IPW

The lecturing activities will take place from Monday to Thursday morning (approx. 3 hours per day). On Friday morning the students will hold poster presentations about their project work.

In the afternoons you can choose to take part in different social, cultural or touristic activities which we will organise for you. There will also be an excursion offered on Sunday 19th May, so **please consider arriving on Saturday 18th May 2019**.

You will have approximately 20 students in your project group, with which you will work during the whole week. Teaching should be a combination of lecturing, group work and other classroom activities. Case studies can be used in class or given as after-class assignments.

On Friday, every project group will be divided into 4 sub-groups in order to give their poster presentations. The goal of the presentations is to present the key findings and outcomes of the project. The length of each presentation should not exceed 15 minutes including questions from the audience.

Preliminary Timetable

Saturday 18th May 2019	Evening	Welcome Buffet
Sunday 19th May 2019	Daytime	Excursion
	Evening	Welcome Dinner
Monday 20th May 2019	09:00	Group Photograph
	09:15 – 09:45	Opening Session for all lecturers and participating students – It will be held in a large auditorium and all visiting lecturers will be asked to introduce themselves briefly.
	10:00 – 12:45	Courses
	14:00 – 17:00	Students: Independent Student Project Work (Students are supposed to continue project work on their own.) Lecturers: Activities or Free Time
Tuesday 21th May 2019	09:00 – 12:45	Courses
	14:00 – 17:00	Students: Independent Student Project Work Lecturers: Activities or Free Time
	Evening	IPW Dinner
Wednesday 22th May 2019	09:00 – 12:45	Courses
	14:00 – 17:00	Students: Independent Student Project Work Lecturers: Activities or Free Time
	Evening	IPW Party
Thursday 23th May 2019	10:00 – 15:00	Courses
	15:00 – 18:00	Students: Independent Student Project Work Lecturers: Activities or Free Time
	Evening	Farewell Dinner
Friday 24th May 2019	09:00 – 10:30	Courses/ Preparation of the Poster Presentations
	10:45 – 12:00	Poster Presentations
	12:00 – 13:00	Closing Session

Student work load

The students will get 2 ECTS credit points for a successful participation in the IPW. That means altogether 50 to 60 hours of work. Classes with lecturers and presentations cover 20 hours, independent student project work covers 20 hours, studies before the IPW (students should get some work from guest lecturers prior to the IPW) cover 10 hours.

It is essential to give daily assignments for the students. They are expected to work on given assignments every afternoon and present results and findings the next day and/or during their final presentation.

Course attendance is compulsory for all students. Students that do not attend the courses have to justify their absence by handing in a certificate (e.g. from a hospital). If the students are absent more than one day or without justification, they will not receive any credit points for the IPW.

Assessment

All students who signed up for your project have to be present during all five days and participate actively. This includes the final presentation on Friday.

Please do not accept any additional students in your project (students that are not in your list) without consulting the IPW team.

We ask you to grade your students based on quiz points, participation in class, group works, assignments and final day presentations. The weighting of these components depends on your teaching approach, so feel free to create your own assessment rules. Please submit the grades to the IPW team on Friday afternoon.

In order to make your work easier, we recommend you to use the following system:

Every day from Monday to Friday you give each student up to 20 points (10 points means “pass” and 20 points means “excellent”) and fill it into the participant list which we hand out to you. After Friday’s presentations you calculate the sum of all five points and fill it in as well. The result is a percentage that we will convert into the German grading system. (All students who have an overall result below 50 failed.)

Example:

No.	Name	First Name	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Grade
1	Name 1	First name 1	20	18	20	18	20	96
2	Name 2	First name 2	16	13	18	14	20	81
3	Name 3	First name 3	15	0	10	12	13	50
4	Name 4	First name 4	19	20	20	15	20	94

N.B.: If a student misses your project for a full day, this student obtains 0 points. (See student 3 on Tuesday).

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at ipw@hs-nordhausen.de.

We look forward to seeing you in Germany in May 2019!

The IPW-Team