



# Incoming International Students Introduction Gender Studies

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## Welcome!

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# Schedule

- Introduction and Questions
- Gender Studies at the HU
- Structure: Modules, Credits
- Learning Agreement, Transcript of Records, Points, Exams
- Studying: Course Selection, Exams
- Networking
- Questions

# Introductions

- Introduction
  - Name?
  - Home university?
  - Why did you choose to study Gender Studies at the HU?
  - Which questions do you have for today?

# History of Gender Studies at the HU



- 1989 Zentrum für interdisziplinäre Frauenforschung (ZiF)
- 1997 \*Magister degree in Gender Studies
- 2005 \*Bachelor
- 2008 \*Master

# Focuses of the program

- **Transdisciplinarity** To reflect on perspectives from different disciplines (such as biology, history, philosophy, ethnology etc.)
- **Critical** The program encourages critical thinking regarding the production of knowledge, with a focus on institutions and power structures
- **Interdependency** To take an intersectional view of Gender with other forms of diversity (age, race, sex etc.)

# Structure: BA Modules

## Bachelor Minor in combination with a major

- 1 Transdisciplinary Gender Studies
- 2 Gender as an Analytical Category
- 3 Interdependencies
- 4 Gender Orders
- 5 Interventions
- 6 Free Choice
- 7 Interdisciplinary Elective Module

# Structure: MA Modules

## Master

- 1 Interdependencies
- 2 Knowledge
- 3 Normativities
- 4 Medialization
- 5 Transformations
- 6 Interventions

# Credits

- Students earn 4 credits per course
- One credit represents 25 hours of work
- You receive 1 credit for attendance and 3 credits for *Spezielle Arbeitsleistungen* – e.g., essays, presentations, mini research projects, mini multimedia projects, designing and conducting one session of the course, and so on.
- **Attention.** Normally students at HU do not get a grade for every course. You always have to register for an exam to get a grade!



# Exams

- Exams are called *Modulabschlussprüfungen* (MAPs)
- Types of exams (MAPs): a term paper, a portfolio, an oral or a written exam
- In most courses you will be able to do an exam (MAP), but not all of them. You can see which courses offer exams in our online catalogue, **AGNES**.
  - BA**
    - MAP: 2 credits
  - MA**
    - MAP: 4 credits

# Selecting Courses

- Where do I find the Gender Studies courses?
  - [AGNES](#), our online course catalogue (KSBF, ZtG)
  
- How do I enroll in classes?
  - Check AGNES and see if you can register by clicking on „jetzt belegen/ abmelden“
  - Sometimes online registration is not possible and you have to attend the first session to register
  - **Tip: Email the lecturer! (Their email addresses are in AGNES.)**
  
- How do I register for an exam (MAP)?
  - Via the lecturers!!! (not via AGNES)

# Learning Agreements

## Example of a Learning Agreement (LA)

- ❑ A LA is an individual study contract, which guarantees that the courses you study here are recognised at your home university
- ❑ It consists of 3 parts:
  - 1st part – choose courses before you arrive
  - 2nd part – used for if you change courses during your stay. Deadline: 6th week of semester (summer 31.5., fall 30.11.)
  - 3rd part – for recognition of courses after you return
- ❑ LA must be signed by: (1) student (2) home, and (3) guest university (Susanne Spintig)
- ❑ **The complete and up-to-date Learning Agreement is the basis for the Transcript of Records**

# Transcript of Records

- Who is in charge of these at the ZtG?
  - Erasmus advisor: Susanne Spintig
  
- Which documents are required?
  - Valid learning agreements (1,2,3)
  - Signed course [participation confirmation form](#) ([Lehrveranstaltungsnachweis](#))  
One per module (with or without exams)
  - [Transcript of Records](#), filled out in advance by the student

# Useful Dates and Resources

- [Term dates](#)
  
- Facilities:
  - [Gender Library](#)
  - [Moodle](#)
  - [PC Pool](#)
  
- Reading materials (German):
  - [Academic Methods for Gender Studies](#)

