

Modul-Nr./ Module-Code	BMSIB2800
Modulbezeichnung / Module title	Comparative Country Studies in the Baltic Sea Region
Semester or Trimester	4 th
Dauer des Moduls / Duration of the Module	1 Semester
Art des Moduls (Pflicht, Wahl, etc.) / Module type (Compulsory, Elective etc.)	Compulsory subject
Ggfs. Lehrveranstaltungen des Moduls / If applicable: Submodules	-
Häufigkeit des Angebots des Moduls / The module is offered	Annually (summer semester)
Zugangsvoraussetzungen / Prerequisites for attending	None
Verwendbarkeit des Moduls für andere Module und Studiengänge / Applicability of the module for other modules and degree courses	This module teaches background knowledge on which the special modules of later semesters build
Modulverantwortliche/r / Lecturer in charge	Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Hiltgunt Fanning
Name der/des Hochschullehrer/s / Name of lecturer	Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Hiltgunt Fanning
Lehrsprache / Language of Instruction	English
Zahl der zugeteilten ECTS-Credits / Number of ECTS-Credits	5
Gesamtworkload und ihre Zusammensetzung / Workload and its composition	150 hours (86 h self-study; 64 h contact time)
SWS / Semester periods per week	4
Art der Prüfung / Assessment methods	Written examination (1 hour) with <i>Application practice</i> (60 hours)
Gewichtung der Note in der Gesamtnote / Share of grade in overall grade	2 %
Qualifikationsziele des Moduls / Learning outcomes of the Module	<p><u>Knowledge and Understanding</u> Students are provided with a broad understanding of the political and economic history of the region and its interplay with the current trends of development of the Baltic Sea Region as a whole as well as with the peculiarities of the individual countries. In the second part of the module, chosen aspects (e.g. works of art, literature, education) are dealt with in more depth. All students specialise in one country of their choice from the target region.</p> <p><u>Applying knowledge and understanding</u> Students apply the knowledge of the overall framework in dealing with individual topics.</p> <p><u>Making judgements</u></p>

	<p>Students are encouraged to compare the situation in the different countries of the target region and to come to conclusions and recommendations for further action & development.</p> <p><u>Communication</u> The classes consist of parts held as lecturers and of seminar-style parts, where students have to present the results of their work in oral group presentations (and in the accompanying readers) and discuss the results presented by fellow-students.</p> <p><u>Learning skills</u> The module lays the foundation knowledge necessary for a profound country comparison in other modules (e.g. on Law, Trade etc.) and for assessing current development trends.</p>
<p>Inhalte des Moduls / Syllabus</p>	<p><u>General background</u> The Baltic Sea Region (BSR) - Definition - Geographical aspects - Economic survey - Historical survey - Political and economic alliances between member states, regions, and organisations (BCCA, CBSS, Hanseatic League, Nordic Council, etc.)</p> <p><u>Special topics (a choice)</u> National symbols and their meaning - Aspects of national cultures – Art, literature, and music - National cuisines - Political systems - Education systems - Economic geography and important firms - Travelling and transport systems – Demography - Ethnic minorities</p>
<p>Lehr- und Lernmethoden des Moduls / Teaching Methods of the Module</p>	<p>Lectures, group work, student presentations</p>
<p>Besonderes / Special Featur</p>	<p>Extensive use of current news footage (Internet, videos)</p>
<p>Literatur / Literature</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet news sources; • Articles from the journal Baltic Rim Economies • Literature for special presentations recommended depending on topics dealt with.