This module discusses horizons of interpretation in the investigation of complex structural and systematic processes, both epochal and cross-epochal, in the German, European, and European-transatlantic history of the 19th and 20th centuries. It also explores sources, methods, and theories of history and its sub-disciplines in detail, discussing selected narrowly defined problems in modern history in depth. Problems in cultural, social, structural, and economic history, the history of society, and the history of mentalities as well as interdisciplinary problems are also considered.

Intended learning outcomes

Students are able to familiarise themselves with more complex issues, employing the methods of the discipline and taking into account relevant source material and secondary literature as well as the findings of related disciplines. They are able to analyse and interpret sources and accounts of modern history.

Method of assessment

a) presentation (approx. 25 minutes) with position paper (approx. 2 pages) and written elaboration (approx. 15 pages), or b) presentation (approx. 25 minutes) with position paper (approx. 2 pages) and written examination (approx. 60 minutes), in either option the 2 components being weighted 3:7. The component presentation with position paper and the component written elaboration or written examination each have to be passed with the grade ausreichend (sufficient) or better.

Allocation of places

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