

Podcast Project

"Academic Culture Shock - Reflection on Different University Cultures Based on Own Experiences in STEM Studies"

Task

Create a podcast alone or in a small group on the topic of "Academic Culture Shock". Based on your own experiences, explain how the culture at the German university differs from or is similar to that of your home university.

Possible questions could be:

- How is teaching done?
- How and where do students learn?
- What values and norms are important? What do you have to pay attention to when communicating with other students or lecturers?
- What is student life like?
- Are there any intercultural encounters you have experienced yourself that surprised or irritated you? What exactly happened (description)? How do you interpret the situation? What possible explanations (culture, personality, situation, institution) can you think of? What would you have wished for? What might your counterpart have needed from you? What might have been the positive function of the behaviour that irritated you? What solution strategies can you think of?

Of course, you can also conduct interviews for the podcast to complement your point of view with other perspectives.

Tips for Podcast Creation

Length: 5-10 min

Tip for the tool for recording the podcast: <https://zencastr.com/>

Tip for tool for editing the podcast: <https://www.audacityteam.org/>