Course	Tourism Psychology
Course Number	126
Exam Number	126
Course Frequency	Summer Semester
Duration	1 Semester
Contact Hours per Week	2
Teaching and Learning Forms	1 SWS Seminar 1 SWS Project Work / Case Studies
ECTS Credit Points	2,5
Workload	62,5 hours - Attendance time in courses: 28 hours - Self-study: 34,5 hours
Language	English
Prerequisites for Participation	None
Content	Application of psychological theories to explore how to change tourist behaviour for the benefit of the environment and host cultures
	Introduction to cognitive psychology, especially perception, learning and memory
	Basic functioning of the memory Psychophysics (absolute stimulus threshold and difference threshold, methods of threshold determination) Gestalt Psychology Classical (including evaluative) conditioning, operant conditioning Introduction to motivational and emotional psychology
	Motivational psychology:
	 Content models of motivation (e.g. performance, power and connection motives (basic motives according to McLelland), alternatively the system according to Häusel or Bischof: balance, stimulus, dominance) Process models of motivation, regulative functions of motivation, homeostasis models of motivation, expectation-value model

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	Emotional psychology:
	 Physiological, conceptual and behavioural aspects, models of emotion development and regulation
	Consumer behaviour/consumer psychology
	Application of cognitive psychological and social cognitive theories to consumer behaviour:
	 Phenomena of implicit memory, in particular the effect of mere presentation, implicit attitudes and their measurement Decisions, decision heuristics, decision errors, problem of rationality of consumption/travel decisions Psychological consistency (e.g. theory of cognitive dissonance) and reactance
	Attitudes and changing attitudes
Target Competencies	The students will gain basic knowledge in the fields of (tourism) psychology, i.e. human perception/awareness, learning, memory, motivation and emotion as well as decisions and attitudes. They will be able to apply this knowledge to the decision-making and travel behaviour of tourists or to the behaviour of employees in the tourism industry.
	They will gain a basic knowledge of the models in the field of cognitive as well as motivational, emotional and consumption psychology and are able to select and apply suitable methods for specific scientific questions. Furthermore, students will be able to transfer the scope of the knowledge gained to real-life situations and cases in this way and will be able to evaluate components of psychology in tourism methodically. The unit emphasises the impartment knowledge and skills. Teaching methods will include discussion, lectures, simulations, workshops and case studies.
	This course thus imparts competencies at level 2 of the Qualifications Framework for German Higher Education Qualifications (HQF) at Master level. This applies in particular to the following areas:
	 Knowledge and understanding Use, application and creation of knowledge Communication and cooperation Scientific self-perception / professionalism
Examination and Course Achievement	The primary form of examination is the presentation.
Basic Literature	Anderson, J.R. (2007). Kognitive Psychologie (6th Edition). Heidelberg: Spektrum.

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