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| Faculty                 | School of Social Sciences  |
| Course Title            | Natural Area Tourism   |
| Number of ECTS credits  | 6  |
| Hours per week (SWS)    | 4+1  |
| Semester                | Year 2 (4th Semester), BA  |
| Recommended reading     | Will be announced at the beginning of the course   |
| Teaching methods        | Seminar  |
| Assessment methods      | Exam and /or Presentation and Essay  |
| Language of instruction | English  |
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| Course content          | <p>On successful completion of this module, students acquiring the following professional competences (Fachkompetenzen) should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be able to differentiate natural and cultural landscapes based on common ecosystem classifications</li> <li>• know the IUCN protected area categories and its transformation and application to the German protected area system</li> <li>• be familiar with ecotourism as a sustainable development concept for protected areas</li> <li>• understand ecotourism in natural areas as a complex system consisting of various ecological, social and economic elements with manifold interrelations and influenced by several stakeholders</li> <li>• know the potential negative environmental, economic and socio-cultural impacts of tourism in natural areas and how these impacts can be minimized by appropriate visitor management techniques</li> <li>• understand the importance of ecotourism for the economic well-being of local communities living in or adjacent to protected natural areas.</li> </ul> <p>Further, acquiring these methodological competences (Methodenkompetenzen), students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• know and be able to apply relevant planning and management concepts in order to integrate ecotourism activities in an overall management and development plan</li> </ul> |