



Aufgabenbeschreibung für die ab Hochschuljahr 2025/2026 an nordamerikanischen Universitäten zu besetzenden Gastdozenturen

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Department of Political Science

<https://polisci.northwestern.edu/> in Verbindung mit dem

Department of German

<https://german.northwestern.edu/>

Fachliches Profil:	Politikwissenschaft mit Schwerpunkt auf das zeitgenössische politische Denken in Deutschland und Europa, in Kombination mit Expertise in zeitgenössischer deutscher Kultur und Medien
Lehraufgaben:	Fünf Kurse (drei am Department of Political Science und zwei am Department of German) pro Jahr nach dem Quartersystem: ein Kurs im Graduiertenbereich, die anderen im Undergraduate Bereich. Die inhaltliche Gestaltung hängt von den wissenschaftlichen Schwerpunkten des/der Kandidaten/in ab Aktive Mitarbeit bei Planung und Organisation kulturpolitischer Aktivitäten der Gasthochschule zur Vermittlung eines zeitgemäßen Deutschlandbildes
Voraussetzungen:	Abgeschlossene Promotion; einschlägige wissenschaftliche Veröffentlichungen; mehrjährige Lehrerfahrung; sehr gute Englischkenntnisse; Staatsangehörigkeit eines EU-Mitgliedsstaats; Bewerber/innen müssen während der letzten beiden Jahre vor der Bewerbung ihren Lebensmittelpunkt in Deutschland gehabt haben
Beginn:	September 2025
Dauer:	Besetzung zunächst für die Dauer von zwei Jahren, mit Verlängerungsmöglichkeit

Die Beschreibung der jeweiligen Position formuliert die Gasthochschule im *DAAD Professorship Questionnaire* wie folgt:

INFORMATION DESCRIBING THE POSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DAAD PROFESSOR

a) Length of initial appointment, renewability:

In the past the initial appointment was for two years with the possibility of a renewal up to five years.



b) Status of the appointee (assistant guest professor, associate guest professor, guest professor):

Assistant Guest Professor

c) Disciplinary field and areas of specialization and sub-specialization preferred:

Political Science. Area of specialization: Contemporary German/European Political Thought; Contemporary German Culture and Media

d) Desired qualifications of the DAAD Professor:

Ph.D., good command of English, record of scholarly publication, record of successful teaching

e) What is the regular course load the DAAD Professor will be expected to carry per academic year?

5 classes. This load would be split between Political Science (three classes) and German (two classes).

f) To what extent will research focus and academic specialization of the DAAD Professor be given weight in designing course topics? To what extent will the DAAD Professor be expected to teach within an established curriculum? What are likely course topics to be assigned to the DAAD Professor?

We expect the DAAD Professor to teach classes related to his research focus and academic specialization. The German Dept. offers several general ‘umbrella courses’, allowing the DAAD Professor to teach topics from his field of expertise within the established curriculum. One example of such a course is GER 224: “Contemporary Germany”, focusing on the German political, social, and cultural scene after 1989.

g) Will courses taught by the DAAD Professor be eligible for cross-listing with other units of the host institution?

Yes, depending on the content of the course.

h) Ratio and level of graduate and undergraduate courses the DAAD Professor will be expected to teach:

1 graduate course, 4 undergraduate courses

i) Estimated number of students expected to enroll in the courses taught by the DAAD Professor:

**For German classes: between 8 and 25 students.
For PoliSci classes: between 10 and 100 students.**

j) Additional duties and activities expected of the DAAD Professor within and outside the university (e.g., local and regional outreach activities, fostering of a more productive relationship with German institutions and the German scholarly community):

This depends on the individual’s interests and talents. One important function: Assisting the Study Abroad Director of the German Dept.