

Veranstalter	Prof. Dr. Ulrich Adelt
Thema	Cultural Diversity in the U.S. [ENG-7, ENG-7a, ENG-13, AA7, AA11, LAA10, LAA13, AA-MA3, AA-MA4, AA-WB]
Art der Veranstaltung	Seminar II
Veranstaltungsnummer	53-567
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Course description

In this course, we will critically discuss the concept of cultural diversity in the United States with a special focus on gender, “race,” class, religion, national identity, and sexual orientation. The texts we will discuss in class include both fictional and non-fictional accounts and will involve intersections of categories of identity construction and oftentimes call these categories into question. We will also explore to what extent identity politics as emphasized in U.S. discourse could help to understand related dynamics in other places, specifically Germany.

Required books: Julia Alvarez, *How the García Girls Lost Their Accents*; James Baldwin, *Giovanni’s Room*; Nella Larsen, *Passing*

Course requirements are response papers, active participation in class and a term paper of about 15 pages (depending on the module chosen).