**The Rise of the Modern State**   
**Grundkurs Outline**

Semester I

* Ancient Greece
* Ancient Rome

Semester II

* Link Unit: Politics & Culture in the High Middle Ages
  + Governance in the HMA
  + A snapshot of life in the HMA
  + The rediscovery of antiquity
* Age of Absolutism
  + Case Study in Absolutism: France
  + Case Study in Absolutism: Prussia
* Enlightenment: Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau
* American Revolution
* French Revolution
* Age of Napoleon
* Industrial Revolution & The Rise of Capitalism
* Revolutions of 1848

Semester III

* Crafting the Modern German State
* World War One
* Weimar Republic & Rise of Fascism in Europe

Semester IV

* World War Two in Europe
  + Fascism, Authoritarianism &Totalitarianism
* Postwar Europe: Democracy vs. Authoritarianism & Capitalism vs. Communism
  + Roots of the Bipolar World
  + German Partition & Reunification
  + European Experiment