This is meant to be a helpful resource for students in selecting, understanding, and preparing for their time abroad. There is no intent to discriminate, generalize or stereotype the country or culture with the information.

### Germany (DE)

#### Sex & Dating
- High levels of gender equality in everyday life
- Catcalling & aggressive flirting less prevalent than U.S.
- Communication in dating is typically very direct

#### Alcohol & Drugs
- Legal age to buy/consume alcohol: 16 or 18
  - Dependent on type of alcohol/place purchased
  - Drinking in public is legal in general
- Cannabis (marijuana) recreational use is illegal
  - Medicinal use permitted under conditions
  - Currently moving towards legalization

#### LGBTQIA+ Culture
- DE is generally accepting & welcoming to LGBTQIA+
  - Especially in Berlin, home to many queer spaces
- Gender identity and expression typically more progressive in cities
  - Rural areas: more traditional stances
- Resources
  - Rainbow SIG
  - Diversity Abroad
  - OutRight Action International

#### Cultural Customs and Norms
- Population: 83 million
- Currency: Euro
- Official Language: German
  - Many Germans also know English
- Greetings are formal, titles are important
  - Always use formal language when meeting someone for the first time (ex. Herr/Frau)
  - Common to shake hands with every person
- Germans are environmentally conscious
- More open attitude towards public nudity (ex. saunas)

#### Resources
- **110** Police / **112** General EU emergency number (medical and fire)
- **+49** Country code
- **DU's Travel Assistance**
  - Phone: +1 443-569-8601 / Website: [dutravelassistanceprovider](#)
  - Please use DU credentials to sign in
- **Student Support Program (My SSP): 24/7 Mental Health Support**
- **U.S. Department of State Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP):** [travel.state.gov](#)
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