

A26 Natalia / Russia / Foreign Languages in Adult Education

Interaction partner(s): German students
Moment of enquiry: SS 08
Experience of difference: Time management in lectures and courses

Natalia, a student from Russia, is studying for her master's degree at a German university. In one of her seminars, the lecturer often goes five minutes over at the end of the class. After this happens several times, the German students complain to the lecturer and ask him to finish the seminar on time. Natalia finds that strange. She would never criticise a lecturer, especially not for teaching longer. She finds it especially rude and disrespectful that some German students start packing their things five minutes before class is dismissed, while the lecturer is still explaining something. She is surprised that the lecturer does not say anything about it, especially since it seems that this restlessness towards the end of the class annoys him.

1. Why is Natalia bothered by her German fellow students' behaviour, and what does she expect of the lecturer?
2. What could be the reason for the lecturer tolerating the students' behaviour? Is this tolerance generally applicable?