German Courses

Courses

GER 101. First-Year German. 5 Credits.
Provides a thorough grammatical foundation and an elementary reading knowledge of German as well as an understanding of the spoken language. Sequence.

GER 102. First-Year German. 5 Credits.
Provides a thorough grammatical foundation and an elementary reading knowledge of German as well as an understanding of the spoken language.
Prereq: GER 101.

GER 103. First-Year German. 5 Credits.
Provides a thorough grammatical foundation and an elementary reading knowledge of German as well as an understanding of the spoken language.
Prereq: GER 102.

GER 196. Field Studies: [Topic]. 1-2 Credits.
Repeatable.

GER 198. Workshop: [Topic]. 1-2 Credits.
Repeatable.

GER 199. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GER 201. Second-Year German I. 4 Credits.
Grammar and composition, reading selections from representative authors, conversation. Sequence.
Prereq: GER 103 or equivalent.

GER 202. Second-Year German II. 4 Credits.
Grammar and composition, reading selections from representative authors, conversation.
Prereq: GER 201.

GER 203. Second-Year German III. 4 Credits.
Grammar and composition, reading selections from representative authors, conversation.
Prereq: GER 202.

GER 220M. From Kierkegaard to Kafka. 4 Credits.
Survey of the existential tradition in German and Scandinavian literature, philosophy, drama, and film. Historical and conceptual developments are considered, from Kierkegaard to Kafka. Taught in English. Multilisted with SCAN 220M.

GER 221. Postwar Germany: Nation Divided. 4 Credits.
Introduction to literary and cultural movements of public dissent, including 1960s student revolutions, in postwar Germany. Conducted in English.

GER 222. Voices of Dissent in Germany. 4 Credits.
Key debates in German culture, including the adequate representation of the Holocaust, literature in society, and the roles of ethnic and gender identities within the nation. Conducted in English.

GER 223. Germany: A Multicultural Society. 4 Credits.
Examines the multiethnic complexities of German, Austrian, and/or Swiss societies through the writings of African, Turkish, or Jewish Germans. Period of focus varies. Conducted in English.

GER 250. The Culture of Money. 4 Credits.
Explores ideas about money, value, and exchange in German-speaking cultures from selected moments in modern history through readings of literature, philosophy, and the arts.

GER 251. Sexuality. 4 Credits.
Examines discourses on sexuality (e.g., sexual norms, gender roles, and divergences from them) in modern German, Austrian, and Swiss-German contexts through literature, essays, and films.

GER 252. War, Violence, Trauma. 4 Credits.
Examines war, violence, and trauma in German and Austrian cultural history, during the modern period, through works of literature, thought, art, music, and film.

GER 280M. The Quality of Life in Germany and Scandinavia. 4 Credits.
An interdisciplinary cultural-historical inquiry into a region with some of the highest quality of life indicators in the world. Examines family, community, work, leisure, security, health, education, and other topics. Taught in English with some German and Swedish (no prior language ability required). Multilisted with SCAN 280M.

GER 311. Intermediate Language Training. 4 Credits.
Extensive practice in speaking and writing German; complex grammatical structures in writing.
Prereq: GER 203 or equivalent.

GER 312. Intermediate Language Training. 4 Credits.
Extensive practice in speaking and writing German; complex grammatical structures in writing.
Prereq: GER 203 or equivalent.

GER 313. Intermediate Language Training. 4 Credits.
Extensive practice in speaking and writing German; complex grammatical structures in writing. Option during 313 to take the Zertifikat Deutsch exam.
Prereq: GER 312.

GER 345M. Food, Culture, and Identity in Germany and Scandinavia. 4 Credits.
Examines the relationships among food, culture, and identity in Germany and Scandinavia. Interdisciplinary readings, lectures, films, and discussions focus on literary and symbolic representations of food from production to consumption, and on images and depictions of cooking, eating, drinking, and feasting. Multilisted with SCAN 345M.

GER 351. Diversity in Germany. 4 Credits.
Examines the social construction of identity in German literature and culture. Addresses topics of plural voices and tolerance in German-speaking cultures. Topics vary. Conducted in English.

GER 354. German Gender Studies. 4 Credits.
Student oral presentations and written papers on such topics as men and women writers of German romanticism, mothers and daughters in German literature, comparison of men and women dramatists. No knowledge of German required; readings and discussions in English.

GER 355. German Cinema: History, Theory, Practice. 4 Credits.
In-depth analysis of various facets of German cinema. Topics include film and the Third Reich, cinema and technology, German filmmakers in American exile, German New Wave. Conducted in English.

GER 356. German Fairy Tales. 4 Credits.
The German fairy tale in historical and theoretical context, from the Brothers Grimm and romantic tales to adaptations by Tchaikovsky and Sendak. Taught in English.

GER 357. Nature, Culture, and the Environment. 4 Credits.
Introduction to the contributions German writers, philosophers, scientists, and artists have made to changing notions of nature and its supposed opposition toculture. Offered alternate years.

GER 360. Introduction to German Literature: Poetry, Plays, Prose. 4 Credits.
Introduction to textual analysis--poetry, plays, and prose from 1800 to the present--in the context of major literary movements (romanticism, realism, modernism) and their social determinants. Focus on genre: poetry, plays, and prose.
Coreq: GER 311.

GER 361. Introduction to German Literature: Literary Movements. 4 Credits.
Introduction to textual analysis--poetry, plays, and prose from 1800 to the present--in the context of major literary movements (romanticism, realism, modernism) and their social determinants. Focus on literary movements.
Coreq: GER 311.

GER 362. Introduction to German Literature: Interpretive Models. 4 Credits.
Introduction to textual analysis--poetry, plays, and prose from 1800 to the present--in the context of major literary movements (romanticism, realism, modernism) and their social determinants. Focus on interpretive models.
Coreq: GER 311.

GER 366. Themes in German Literature. 4 Credits.
Significant literary texts organized by theme--crime and society, travels and explorations, nature and technology, relationships between the sexes, the Nazi past.
Coreq: GER 311.

GER 367. Themes in German Literature. 4 Credits.
Significant literary texts organized by theme--crime and society, travels and explorations, nature and technology, relationships between the sexes, the Nazi past.
Coreq: GER 311.

GER 368. Themes in German Literature. 4 Credits.
Significant literary texts organized by theme--crime and society, travels and explorations, nature and technology, relationships between the sexes, the Nazi past.
Coreq: GER 311.

GER 399. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
New topics or approaches appropriate for third-year German proficiency level. Content varies; focus may be on various aspects of German language, literature, or culture and civilization. Repeatable when topic changes.
Coreq: GER 311.

GER 401. Research: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GER 403. Thesis. 1-12 Credits.
Repeatable.

GER 405. Reading and Conference: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GER 406. Practicum: [Topic]. 1-12 Credits.
Repeatable.

GER 407. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable. A recent topic is Experimental Poetry.

GER 408. Workshop: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GER 409. Terminal Project. 1-12 Credits.
Repeatable.

GER 410. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable. Recent topics are Doppelganger and Nietzsche.

GER 411. Advanced Language Training. 4 Credits.
Constant practice in speaking and writing with emphasis on complex syntactic structures as well as idiomatic nuances in German. Grammar.
Prereq: GER 311, GER 312, GER 313.

GER 412. Advanced Language Training. 4 Credits.
Constant practice in speaking and writing with emphasis on complex syntactic structures as well as idiomatic nuances in German. Writing.
Prereq: GER 311, GER 312, GER 313.

GER 425. Play Performance: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Extensive practice in effective oral communication with emphasis on correct pronunciation. Reading of the play and scene rehearsals in class; public performance at end of term. Repeatable.
Prereq: GER 203 or equivalent.

GER 470. German for Reading Knowledge I. 4 Credits.
Introduction to the reading of German, introducing most of the major grammatical categories and providing substantial basic and advanced vocabulary training. Students translate passages in their chosen fields.

GER 503. Thesis. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GER 507. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable. A recent topic is Experimental Poetry.

GER 508. Workshop: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GER 510. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable. Recent topics are Doppelganger and Nietzsche.

GER 570. German for Reading Knowledge I. 4 Credits.
Introduction to the reading of German, introducing most of the major grammatical categories and providing substantial basic and advanced vocabulary training. Students translate passages in their chosen fields.

GER 601. Research: [Topic]. 1-6 Credits.
Repeatable.

GER 603. Dissertation. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GER 605. Reading and Conference: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GER 606. Practicum: [Topic]. 1-12 Credits.
Repeatable.

GER 607. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GER 608. Workshop: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GER 609. Terminal Project. 1-12 Credits.
Repeatable.

GER 610. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GER 625. Translations-Transformations. 4 Credits.
Presents the theory and practice of translation and other transformation media (e.g., the sister arts, literature into film). Repeatable when topic changes.

GER 690. Literary Studies: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Research methods, literary theory, history of German literature, and advanced methodology. Typical topics include contemporary theory, major German critics, literature and nonliterary forms. Repeatable when topic changes.