

# MODERN & CLASSICAL LANGUAGE (MCL)

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## Course Descriptions

### **MCL 501 Images of Women in Germany 3 Credit Hours**

This course will focus on the position of women in Germany after WWII and up to and after the unification of East and West Germany. Particular attention will be given to the gendered history of working through the National Socialist past, the division and reconstruction of the two nation-states, and the terrorism in West Germany in the 1970's. Students will examine images of women in films and tie them to the ideologies of gender and status of women in these larger issues of German history. Course readings will be in English. Additional assignments will distinguish this course from its undergraduate version. Students cannot receive credit for both MCL 401 and MCL 501.

#### **Restriction(s):**

Can enroll if Class is Graduate

### **MCL 555 This American Life 3 Credit Hours**

The course "This American Life: Immigrant Literature and the American Dream" is a literary and cultural analysis of the literature of immigration. The readings are from works of fiction in a variety of genres, and are written by American and non-American prize-winning authors. Their common denominator is the pursuit of the American Dream and its many multifaceted aspects. The themes explored include: assimilation, acculturation, diversity, language, subculture, intertextuality, nostalgia, belonging, and double identity. This course will be distinguished from its undergraduate counterpart, MCL 455, by the inclusion of additional readings and assignments.

#### **Restriction(s):**

Can enroll if Class is Graduate

\*An asterisk denotes that a course may be taken concurrently.

#### Frequency of Offering

The following abbreviations are used to denote the frequency of offering: (F) fall term; (W) winter term; (S) summer term; (F, W) fall and winter terms; (YR) once a year; (AY) alternating years; (OC) offered occasionally