

GERMAN (GER)

Course Descriptions

GER 101 German Language and Culture I 4 Credit Hours

First course in a two-course elementary German sequence. Listening comprehension, speaking, reading, writing, and culture are emphasized. Course materials promote the use of language to communicate with others and to function in the German-speaking world. (F).

GER 102 German Language and Culture II 4 Credit Hours

Second course in the two-course elementary sequence. Continued emphasis on culture and the four skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. (W).

Prerequisite(s): GER 101 or German Language Placement with a score of 102 or German Language Placement with a score of 201 or German Language Placement with a score of 202 or German Language Placement with a score of 301 or German Language Placement with a score of 302

GER 105 Conversational German 2 Credit Hours

The course is designed to help students develop basic oral communication skills in German. Emphasis is on a maximum use of spoken German in real or simulated everyday situations during each class period. The essentials for grammar will be taught through patterns rather than analytical presentation. May not be used to fulfill the symbolic language requirement.

GER 201 German Language & Culture III 4 Credit Hours

An intermediate language course in speaking, reading, and writing German. Class assignments and discussions will be based on a wide variety of material ranging from German language films to anthologies of German prose. There will be a review of grammar, but emphasis is on reading and discussion. (F).

Prerequisite(s): GER 102 or German Language Placement with a score of 201 or German Language Placement with a score of 202 or German Language Placement with a score of 301 or German Language Placement with a score of 302

GER 202 Intermediate German II 4 Credit Hours

A continuation of GER 201, with an even greater emphasis on reading and speaking. (W).

Prerequisite(s): GER 201 or German Language Placement with a score of 202 or German Language Placement with a score of 301 or German Language Placement with a score of 302

GER 234 German Conversation 1 to 2 Credit Hours

Development of conversational skills through discussion of contemporary readings and the use of communicative activities and games. Emphasis will be placed on vocabulary acquisition by students, on improving their pronunciation, and on increasing their overall fluency in German. (OC).

Prerequisite(s): GER 102

GER 301 Advancing Competencies I 3 Credit Hours

Focusing on a particular topic or topics relating to the German-speaking world, students will strengthen and expand their reading, writing, speaking, listening, and cultural competencies. Students will focus on developing strategies for listening and reading more advanced primary "texts." They will have extensive practice in recognizing and imitating a variety of written and oral genres.

Prerequisite(s): GER 202 or German Language Placement with a score of 301 or German Language Placement with a score of 302

GER 302 Advancing Competencies II 3 Credit Hours

Focusing on a particular topic or topics relating to the German-speaking world, students will strengthen and expand their reading, writing, speaking, listening, and cultural competencies. Students will focus on developing strategies for listening and reading more advanced primary "texts." Students will have extensive practice in recognizing and imitating a variety of written and oral genres.

Prerequisite(s): GER 301 or German Language Placement with a score of 302

GER 305 German for the Professions 3 Credit Hours

Drawing on written and oral authentic texts, the course will focus on the proper forms of written and oral communication in a variety of professional settings in the German-speaking world. It will also stress appropriate reading and listening strategies with a focus on the potential future professions of the enrolled students.

Prerequisite(s): GER 301

GER 306 Cross-Cult Comptncy&Professns 3 Credit Hours

An in-depth study of current professional practices as carried on between agencies in the English and the German-speaking worlds. Students will focus on cultural differences, thereby strengthening cross-cultural competencies at the same time deepening their speaking, listening, writing, and reading skills.

Prerequisite(s): GER 202

GER 371 Germ Lit: Classic and Romantic 3 Credit Hours

Readings include works by Lessing, Schiller, Goethe, Meist, E.T.A. Hoffmann, and Novalis. Analyses in lectures, discussion and writing will try to illuminate the works themselves and the world views of their age. (AY).

Prerequisite(s): GER 301 and GER 306

GER 372 Introduction to German Lit 3 Credit Hours

A survey of German Literature from 19th century realism to the contemporary post-modernism and neo-realism. Writers studied will include both canonical and non-canonical authors, for example, Gerhard Hauptmann, Marie-Luise Fleisser, Georg Kaiser, Irmgard Keun, Bertolt Brecht, Anna Seghers, Ilse Aichinger, and Christa Wolf. The class will be a combination of lecture and discussion with a substantial writing component. (AY).

Prerequisite(s): GER 301

GER 374 The History of German Cinema 3 Credit Hours

In this course, we explore the history of German cinema through primary and secondary texts on films from the silent period through unification. Concomitantly, we will read a Mary Fulbrook's history of Germany in order to place these films within the proper historical contexts and in order to enable us to examine the ways in which German history has insinuated itself in all film genres. The film section highlights the major movement in German cinema since its inception and gives particular attention to the representations of German history and the ways in which German history makes itself apparent in a variety of genres. The class will also consider the interactions between German cinema and Hollywood through clips highlighted in lectures and student presentations. (OC).

Prerequisite(s): GER 301

Restriction(s):

Can enroll if Class is Freshman or Sophomore or Junior or Senior
Can enroll if Level is Undergraduate

GER 376 Contemporary German Cultures 3 Credit Hours

An exploration of the assumptions which underlie everyday life in German-speaking countries (Federal Republic of Germany, Austria, Switzerland). Topics include social intercourse, school systems, medicine, citizens' understanding of nation, and individuals' relationship to space. (YR).

Prerequisite(s): GER 301

GER 377 German Culture & Civilization 3 Credit Hours

Full Course Title: German Culture and Civilization-From the Romans to the Reformation- An introduction to the civilization of the German-speaking countries of Europe from the Middle Ages to the 20th Century. The course examines the arts, history, culture, and institutions that have shaped the Germanic societies.

Prerequisite(s): GER 301

GER 380 Praktikum 1 Credit Hour

This course will be offered in conjunction with a 300- or 400-level German literature, film, or cultural course in translation taught by a member of the German faculty. The one-credit course will be conducted entirely in German. Students will develop their language skills dealing with the topics of the course in translation. They will also be required to read related texts in German. Students who successfully complete the Praktikum and the corresponding German in translation course can receive four credits of German. The topics will vary depending on the English language content course. Students must be concurrently registered in appropriate 300- or 400-level courses taught by a German instructor. (OC).

Prerequisite(s): GER 301

GER 385 German Across the Curriculum 1 Credit Hour

Course is attached to an upper-level course in another discipline and taken concurrently with it. Course materials in German are related to the subject matter of the second course and are discussed with a German-area faculty member. Materials are also integrated into the assignments of the second course. (F,W).

Prerequisite(s): GER 202

GER 390 Topics in German 3 Credit Hours

Examination of problems and issues in selected areas of German. Title as listed in Schedule of Classes will change according to content. Course may be repeated for credit when specific topics differ. (OC).

GER 398 Ind Studies in German Lit 1 to 3 Credit Hours

Readings or analytical assignments in German selected in accordance with the needs and interests of those enrolled. (F,W).

GER 399 Ind Studies in German Lit 1 to 3 Credit Hours

Readings or analytical assignments in German selected in accordance with the needs and interests of those enrolled. (F,W).

GER 490 Topics in German Lit and Civ 3 to 4 Credit Hours

Examination of problems and issues in selected areas of German studies. Title as listed in the Schedule of Classes will change according to content. Course may be repeated for credit when specific topics differ. (OC).

GER 499 Adv Individual Proj in German 1 to 4 Credit Hours

Advanced individual study project in German language, literature, or civilization may be pursued under the direction of a faculty supervisor. (OC).

Restriction(s):

Can enroll if Class is Senior or 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