GERMAN (GERM)

Courses

GERM 001. Elementary. 4 Credits.
An introduction to all aspects of contemporary standard German: speaking, listening, reading, writing. Cultural components include topics such as: music, art, literature, and current events.

GERM 002. Elementary. 0 or 4 Credits.
An introduction to all aspects of contemporary standard German: speaking, listening, reading, writing. Cultural components include topics such as: music, art, literature, and current events. Prerequisite: GERM 001 or equivalent.

GERM 051. Intermediate. 3 Credits.
Comprehensive review of German grammar, vocabulary-building skills, development of reading strategies and compositional abilities, study of contemporary German culture through literary texts. Prerequisites: GERM 001, GERM 002 or equivalent.

GERM 052. Intermediate. 3 Credits.
Comprehensive review of German grammar, vocabulary-building skills, development of reading strategies and compositional abilities, study of contemporary German culture through literary texts. Prerequisites: GERM 001, GERM 002 or equivalent.

GERM 095. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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GERM 096. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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GERM 103. Composition & Conversation. 3 Credits.
An intensive language course concentrating on more advanced syntax, vocabulary building, and idiomatic expression through written compositions, translations, and oral presentations. Prerequisite: GERM 052 or equivalent.

GERM 104. German News Media. 3 Credits.
Analysis of journalistic style and content in news coverage of contemporary events as reported in newspapers, magazines, radio, and television in German-speaking countries. Prerequisite: GERM 052 or equivalent.

GERM 121. Culture & Civilization to 1900. 3 Credits.
Historical, intellectual, and artistic developments of German culture and civilization from Roman times through the 19th century, stressing written and oral work. Prerequisite: GERM 052 or equivalent.

GERM 122. 20th C Culture & Civilization. 3 Credits.
Social, cultural, and political developments in the German-speaking countries since 1900, stressing written and oral components. Prerequisite: GERM 052 or equivalent.

GERM 155. German Lit in Context I. 3 Credits.
Introduction to German Literature from the Enlightenment through Realism with attention to political, philosophical, musical, and artistic developments. Authors may include Goethe, Schiller, Novalis, Hoffmann, Heine, and Buchner. Prerequisite: GERM 052.

GERM 156. German Lit in Context II. 3 Credits.
Study of 20th century German literature in historical and cultural contexts. Introduction to important topics and stylistic elements through representative texts from prevalent literary movements. Prerequisite: GERM 052.

GERM 195. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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GERM 196. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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GERM 197. Readings & Research. 1-6 Credits.

GERM 198. Readings & Research. 1-6 Credits.

GERM 201. Methods Research&Bibliography. 3 Credits.
Introduction to tools and methods of research, including major bibliographical sources, reference works, dictionaries, editions, and journals concerned with German literature, language, and folklore. Prerequisite: Two 100-level courses.

GERM 202. Expository Writing. 3 Credits.
Improvement of writing skills through work with authentic texts from different content areas (literature, media, science, business). Emphasis on stylistic development and sophisticated vocabulary-building. Prerequisite: Two 100-level courses.

GERM 213. History of the German Language. 3 Credits.
Historical and linguistic development of the German language from Indo-European to the present, emphasizing sound shifts, the 16th century, and the modern age. Prerequisite: GERM 155 or GERM 156; one other 100-level course.

GERM 214. Middle Ages. 3 Credits.
Analysis and discussion of several “Minnesang” poets (esp. Walther and Neidhart), the Nibelungenlied, the courtly epics Erech, Parzival, and Tristan, and the satirical epic Helmbrrecht. Prerequisite: GERM 155 or GERM 156; one other 100-level course.

GERM 225. Goethe. 3 Credits.
Study of Goethe’s accomplishments in poetry, drama, and the novel during major phases of his literary career: Sturm und Drang,” Classicism, and Romanticism. Prerequisite: GERM 155 or GERM 156 and one other 100-level course.

GERM 226. Schiller. 3 Credits.
Major attention will be paid to Schiller’s development as a dramatist (from Die Rauber to Wilhelm Tell) as well as to his contributions to German Classicism. Prerequisite: GERM 155 or GERM 156 and one other 100-level course.

GERM 237. 19th-Century Prose. 3 Credits.
Literary and stylistic analysis of prose works by Tieck, Kleist, Stifter, Gotthelf, Drose-Hulshof, Storm, Keller, and Hauptmann with emphasis on Romanticism, Poetic Realism, and Naturalism. Prerequisite: GERM 155 or GERM 156 and one other 100-level course.
GERM 247. German Lit from 1890 to 1945. 3 Credits.
Naturalism, Symbolism, Expressionism and subsequent trends through readings of authors such as Hauptmann, Rilke, Kaiser, Kafka, Mann, and Brecht. Prerequisite: GERM 155 or GERM 156 and one other 100-level course.

GERM 248. Contemporary German Literature. 3 Credits.
Literary movements and their major representatives from 1945 to the present, including relevant sociopolitical, intellectual, and cultural aspects. Prerequisite: GERM 155 or GERM 156 and one other 100-level course.

GERM 251. German Folklore. 3 Credits.
Verbal folklore genres (fairy tales, legends, folk songs, and proverbs) treated in their relation to literature, mass media, and popular culture. Prerequisite: GERM 155 or GERM 156 and one other 100-level course.

GERM 263. German Romanticism. 3 Credits.
Study of major works by authors such as Friedrich Schlegel, Novalis, Brentano, Hoffmann, and Eichendorff in their literary, artistic, philosophical, and sociopolitical contexts. Prerequisite: GERM 155 or GERM 156 and one other 100-level course.

GERM 271. Proverbs. 3 Credits.
Diachronic and synchronic survey of German proverbs, proverbial expressions, and wellerisms, emphasizing their use and function in literature, art, mass media, advertisements and oral communication. Prerequisite: GERM 155 or GERM 156 and one other 100-level course.

GERM 273. German Intellectual Movements. 3 Credits.
A survey of developments in art, music, philosophy, and social thought from the Enlightenment to 1945, with particular attention to their impact on German literature. Prerequisite: GERM 155 or GERM 156 and one other 100-level course.

GERM 275. Fin-de-Siecle. 3 Credits.
Prevalent literary and intellectual movements at the turn of the 20th century in their historical, sociopolitical, and cultural contexts. Study of Nietzsche, Freud, Rilke, Hofmannsthal, Schnitzler, and Mann. Prerequisite: GERM 155 or GERM 156 and one other 100-level course.

GERM 276. Brecht & the Modern Drama. 3 Credits.
Brecht’s revolutionary concept of “epic theatre” in theory and practice and its influence on subsequent dramatists, including Durrenmatt, Frisch, Handke, Hochhuth, Muller, and Weiss. Prerequisite: GERM 155 or GERM 156 and one other 100-level course.

GERM 279. German Short Story after 1945. 3 Credits.
Aesthetic and thematic evolution of the short story and its relation to historical, political, and cultural developments from 1945 to the present. Prerequisite: GERM 155 or GERM 156 and one other 100-level course.