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General Syllabus

GERM 305V Special Topics in German

Credit Hours: 1-4 (variable)

Prerequisites: GERM 2313 Intermediate German II

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information:

A. Catalog Description

Advanced study of the German language and culture to increase cultural appreciation and basic language skills. Specific focus may vary each semester.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Have a basic understanding of the contemporary culture of German speaking regions.
2. Have enhanced reading, writing, and listening skills, and will understand and converse in German with enough ease to deal with more than routine tasks and social situations.
3. Be able to converse on a topic related to the German language and culture.

B. University Learning Outcomes (ULOs)

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills

Students will use critical thinking skills to identify problems/issues and develop solutions/analysis. Students will analyze a variety of texts for their rhetorical and/or literary features, as well as analyze the rhetorical situation to which the texts they produce respond.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will communicate proficiently. Students will practice communication skills through discussions, presentations, and a variety of required written assignments.

Ethical Decision Making

Students will model ethical decision-making processes. Students will practice critical response to the writing of others, responsible use of research materials and intellectual property, and the ethical use of persuasion.

Global & Cultural Perspectives

Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own. Students will analyze the rhetorical situation, produce texts for a variety of audiences, and avoid the use of biased language.

III. Major Course Topics

Specific focus of the course may vary each semester.