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General Syllabus

GERM 3553 Immersion in a German Speaking Region

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisites: GERM 1314 Beginning German II or consent of department head

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information:

A. Catalog Description

Cultural immersion providing intensive experience with the language, cultural traditions, and social institutions in a German speaking region.

B. Additional Information:

This course is encouraged for all students who have an interest in the German language.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

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

1. Demonstrate enhanced knowledge of the history, geography, and global understanding of a German-speaking region.
2. Display at least intermediate oral proficiency in German.
3. Display at least intermediate listening and reading skills in German.
4. Exhibit an increase in self-confidence, maturity, and objectivity when encountering other cultures.

B. University Learning Outcomes (ULOs)

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills

Students will 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

Will depend on area visited, but may include discussion of:

- A. Grammatical/Pragmatic Features of the German Language
- B. Cultural Aspects of the Region Being Visited
- C. Cultural Stereotypes
- D. Cultural Artifacts