Germanic Languages and Literature

GER 101 Intensive Elementary German
An intensive course covering the elementary German program (GER 111, 112) in one semester. GER 101 is designed for students who have no prior knowledge of the language. A student who has had two or more years of German in high school (or who has otherwise acquired an equivalent proficiency) may not take this course without written permission from the supervisor of the course. (or who has otherwise acquired an equivalent proficiency) may not take GER 111 without written permission from the supervisor of the course. 6 credits

GER 111 Elementary German I
An introduction to spoken and written German, stressing pronunciation, speaking, comprehension, reading, writing, and culture. The course consists of four hours in a section conducted in German, and one laboratory hour. The course is designed for students who have no prior knowledge of German. A student who has had two or more years of German in high school (or who has otherwise acquired an equivalent proficiency) may not take GER 111 without written permission from the supervisor of the course. 3 credits

GER 112 Elementary German II
An introduction to spoken and written German, stressing pronunciation, speaking, comprehension, reading, writing, and culture. The course consists of four hours in a small section conducted in German, and one laboratory hour. Prerequisite: GER 111 3 credits

GER 211 Intermediate German I
The reading and interpretation of a wide variety of German texts, with a review of German grammar, composition, and conversation. Work in the language laboratory further develops auricolingual skills. Prerequisite: GER 101 or 112 3 credits

GER 212 Intermediate German II
The reading and interpretation of a wide variety of German texts, with a review of German grammar, composition, and conversation. Work in the language laboratory further develops auricolingual skills. Prerequisite: GER 211 3 credits

GER 311, 312 German Conversation and Composition
The active use of spoken and written German. Prerequisite: GER 212 3 credits

GER 313 German Vocabulary in Conceptual Groups
The study of German vocabulary in so-called “conceptual groups” that reflect the world of nature (flowers, etc.) and culture (musical instruments, etc.). The objective is to increase our stock of words and practice using them in context, but also to enrich our knowledge of selected words by examining significant moments or developments in their histories. Prerequisite: GER 212 3 credits

GER 343-G Introduction to Literary Genres
Using selected texts easily read and understood by students whose background in German may be limited, this course is intended to introduce those students to terminology and techniques of literary analysis and interpretation.

GER 344-G Survey of German Literature
A chronological survey of German literature from the 18th century to the present with stress on defining the periods therein. All readings are in German. Prerequisite: GER 212 3 credits

GER 401 German Drama
A survey of German drama and its subgenres. All work is done in German. Prerequisite: GER 343 or 344 3 credits

GER 402 German Prose
A survey of German prose and its subgenres. All work is done in German. Prerequisite: GER 343 or 344 3 credits

GER 403 German Poetry
A survey of German poetry and its subgenres. All work is done in German. Prerequisite: GER 343 or 344 3 credits

GER 404 Goethezeit
An intensive study of German literature in the period 1770-1832. All work is done in German. Prerequisite: GER 343 or 344 3 credits

GER 411 Advanced German Conversation and Composition
This course is designed to develop fluency in spoken and written German. Students practice expressing themselves idiomatically and fluently, and become acquainted with the subtleties of German grammar and style. Prerequisites: GER 311 and 312 3 credits

GER 412 Advanced German Conversation and Composition
This course is designed to develop fluency in spoken and written German. Students practice expressing themselves idiomatically and fluently, and become acquainted with the subtleties of German grammar and style. Prerequisites: GER 311 and 312 3 credits

GER 420 Special Topics in German Literature
An intensive study of the works of a German author or a period of German literature. All work is done in German. Semester supplements to this Bulletin contain specific description when course is offered. May be repeated for credit as the topic changes. Prerequisites: GER 411 and 412 3 credits

GER 431 Business German I
Designed to broaden knowledge of German by emphasizing business terminology and conversational skills. Students practice expressing themselves idiomatically and fluently in a style appropriate to the world of commerce. Materials covered should prepare the student for the certificate “Wirtschaftsprüfung Deutsch International” examination. Prerequisites: GER 311 and 312 3 credits

GER 432 Business German II
Designed to broaden knowledge of German by emphasizing business terminology and conversational skills. Students practice expressing themselves idiomatically and fluently in a style appropriate to the world of commerce. Materials covered should prepare the student for the certificate “Wirtschaftsprüfung Deutsch International” examination. Prerequisites: GER 311 and 312 3 credits

GER 438 Structure of German
Study of the phonological, graphemic, morphological, syntactic, and semantic structures of Modern German. Prerequisite: GER 212 3 credits

GER 439 History of German
The development of the German language from Indo-European to Modern High German. A representative selection of texts from different periods is examined. Conducted as a seminar. Prerequisite: GER 212 3 credits

GER 447 Directed Readings in German
Independently supervised readings in selected topics in German language and literature, which may focus on a specific German language author or the literature of a specific period or genre. May be repeated. Prerequisites: Permission of instructor and department 3 credits

GER 475 Undergraduate Teaching Practicum in German I
Participation in local, state, national, and international public and private agencies and organizations to apply and reinforce language and related skills and knowledge of social and cultural institutions. Prerequisites: GER 311 and 312; permission of instructor and department; specific placement examinations where applicable 0-6 credits, S/U grading

GER 476 Undergraduate Teaching Practicum in German II
Work with a faculty member as an assistant in one of the faculty member’s regularly scheduled classes. Students assume greater responsibility in such areas as leading discussions and analyzing results of tests that have already been graded. The course in which the student is permitted to work as a teaching assistant must be different from the course in which he or she previously served. Prerequisites: Fluency in German; permission of instructor and department 3 credits, S/U grading

GER 488 Internship
Participation in local, state, national, and international public and private agencies and organizations to apply and reinforce language and related skills and knowledge of social and cultural institutions. Prerequisites: GER 311 and 312; permission of instructor and department; specific placement examinations where applicable 0-6 credits, S/U grading

GER 495 Senior Honors Project in German
Per project for seniors. Arranged in consultation with the department, the project involves writing a paper, under the close supervision of an appropriate instructor, on a suitable topic. Students who are candidates for honors take this course. Prerequisite: Permission of department 3 credits