

German Courses

Note: Courses marked with </ are part of the University's General Education program.

GE 101 Beginning German I (4)

Introduction to conversation, reading, grammar, and composition. Development of oral/aural skills. Particular emphasis on contemporary culture and social customs in the German-speaking countries. A tape program to develop phonological skills is a component of this course. Offered fall semester only. No prerequisite.

</GE 102 Beginning German II (4)

Continuation of German 101. Offered spring semester only. Prerequisite: GE101 or two years of high school German, or consent of instructor.

GE 105 Intensive Beginning German I and II (8)

Same content as GE101 and GE102 but accomplished in one semester of intensive study. Equal emphasis on the development of the four skills – listening, speaking, reading, writing. Class conducted in German, active preparation and participation required. Not open to native speakers of German or students who receive credit in GE 101 and GE 102. Recommended for students who have already had some high school German.

</GE 201 Intermediate German I (3)

This course is intended as reinforcement of the 5 skills learned in GE 102: speaking, listening, reading, writing and culture. Offered fall semester only. Prerequisite: GE 102 or 3 years of high school German with B or better.

</GE 202 Intermediate German II (3)

This course is the continuation of GE 201. Offered spring semester only. Prerequisites: GE 201 or consent of the instructor.

GE 207 Basic German Conversation (3)

Vocabulary expansion, stressing everyday practical usage. Development of oral/aural skills in conversations on cross-cultural topics. Stress on traditions and current political/social developments in German-speaking countries. Use of magazines, newspapers, and other topical materials as basis for conversation. Prerequisite: GE 202, two years of high school German or consent of instructor.

GE 214 German Reading and Conversation (3)

Prose and poetry selected from German literature, folk culture and public media form the topics for conversation. Prerequisite: GE 202 or consent of instructor.

GE 274 Independent Study (1-3)

Directed study. May be repeated. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

GE 290 Study Abroad in Austria (1-15)

Students who are planning to study at the University of Klagenfurt, Austria, must enroll under this number after consultation with their major advisor. Prerequisite: 1st year university-level German (GE101-102) or equivalent.

GE 300 Business German (3)

Introduction to concepts, vocabulary and language practices basic to doing business with German-speaking people. This course will include components to tie abstract concepts to realities of international business in Kansas. Prerequisite: GE 212 or consent of instructor.

GE 307 Contemporary German Civilization (3)

This course is an introduction to contemporary Germany. We will study Germany through its regions, its cultural diversity, its politics, and its relations with Europe and the United States. We will look at the various factors which have impacted modern German life as represented through literature, art, music, and pop culture. THIS COURSE IS TAUGHT IN ENGLISH. German majors may enroll in this course; however, the course does not count as credit toward the fulfillment of the major in the German language.

GE 311 German Grammar Review (3)

Comprehensive review of German grammar with emphasis on the development of free composition. Stress on grammatical accuracy, clarity, and the appropriate use of idioms and syntax. Readings illustrate grammatical points and form the basis for composition and discussion. Offered fall semester only. Prerequisite: GE 202 or consent of instructor.

GE 312 Contemporary Written German (3)

Readings from contemporary sources, including magazines, newspapers, and literature form basis for discussion and composition. Development of written style as well as

grammatical accuracy and the proper use of idioms. Offered spring semester only.
Prerequisite: GE 311 or consent of instructor.

GE 315 Translation (3)

German-English and English-German translation of texts from diverse areas. Focus on techniques of translating German prose texts and improving German grammar, syntax and the use of idioms. Prerequisite: GE 312 or consent of instructor.

GE 324 German Civilization (3)

Study of geography, the visual arts, architecture, music, literature, the economy, customs, and politics from a historical perspective in order to understand present conditions in German-speaking countries. This course will examine these aspects of German civilization from its beginning to the middle of the twentieth century.
Prerequisite: GE 312 or consent of instructor.

GE 326 Contemporary German and Austrian Civilization (3)

Continuation of GE 304; deals with the politics, the economy, the social structures, the arts and the geography of these countries from the mid-twentieth century to the present.
Prerequisite: GE312 or consent of instructor.

GE 331 Introduction to German Literature (3)

Reading of selected works from various genres, including poetry, theater, and narrative prose fiction, with an emphasis on literary analysis. Prerequisite: GE 312 or consent of instructor.

GE 350 Masterpieces of German Literature (3)

Readings of unabridged works from the Middle-Ages through the 19th century. Written and oral discussion of the works as well as their socio-historical background.
Prerequisite: GE 312 or consent of instructor.

GE 353 German Literature of the 20th Century (3)

Readings of modern unabridged novels, plays, short stories and poetry. Written and oral discussion of the literary significance of the works as well as their socio-historical background. Prerequisite: GE 312 or consent of instructor.

GE 374 Independent Study (1-3)

Directed study. May be repeated. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

GE 375 German Seminar (1-3)

Application of the techniques of literary analysis to particular authors or literary movements. May be repeated. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

GE 390 Study Abroad in Austria (1-15)

Students who are planning to study in Austria at the University of Klagenfurt should enroll under this number after consultation with their major advisor. Prerequisite: 2nd year university-level German (GE 311-312) or equivalent.

GE 399 Special Topics (1-3)

Study of individual authors or topics. May be repeated. See chairperson and/or schedule for current offerings. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

GE 400 Senior Thesis (3-6)

A major research project culminating in a thesis which deals with a literary topic, or other topics as approved by the thesis director. May be presented to the departmental faculty for consideration for departmental honors. Prerequisite: Senior standing.

GE 574 Independent Study (3)

Directed study. May be repeated. Prerequisites: admission to the MLS program and consent of instructor.

GE 599 Special Topics (3)

Study of individual authors or topics. May be repeated. Prerequisites: admission to the MLS program and consent of instructor.