German (GER)

GER 101  
FIRST SEMESTER - THE PERSONAL WORLD  (4)

German for beginners. Through communicative activities covering the four language skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing), students learn to ask and answer questions and share information about themselves, their families, and their daily activities. Satisfies GE Area C3 (Comparative Perspectives and Foreign Languages). Prerequisites: None. Requires concurrent enrollment in GER 101L.

GER 101L  
LANGUAGE LABORATORY  (1)

A minimum of two academic hours (100 minutes) weekly of practice sessions in the language laboratories and/or online. Cr/NC only. Concurrent enrollment in GER 101 required.

GER 102  
SECOND SEMESTER - CONTEMPORARY GERMANY  (4)

Expansion of the skills acquired in GER 101. Students build on their knowledge of German culture. They improve their communicative competence, and develop skills needed to negotiate a variety of everyday situations in Germany. Satisfies GE Area C3 (Comparative Perspectives and Foreign Languages). Prerequisite: GER 101 or consent of instructor. Requires concurrent enrollment in GER 102L.

GER 102L  
LANGUAGE LABORATORY  (1)

A minimum of two academic hours (100 minutes) weekly of practice sessions in the language laboratories and/or online. Cr/NC only. Concurrent enrollment in GER 102 required.

GER 195  
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL STUDIES  (1-4)

Directed individual study.

GER 200  
INTERMEDIATE GERMAN: THE GERMAN-SPEAKING WORLD TODAY  (4)

This course introduces various cities and regions that provide the context to review first-year German. Students develop ability to communicate in German and their understanding of Germany, Austria, and Switzerland by engaging with increasingly complex topics (i.e. education, environmental issues, politics, history). Satisfies GE Area C3 (Comparative Perspectives and Foreign Languages). Prerequisite: GER 102 or consent of instructor. Requires concurrent enrollment in GER 200L.

GER 200L  
LANGUAGE LABORATORY  (1)

A minimum of two academic hours (100 minutes) weekly of practice sessions in the language laboratories and/or online. Cr/NC only. Concurrent enrollment in GER 200 required.

GER 210  
INTERMEDIATE GERMAN THROUGH FILM  (4)

This course uses films to expand students’ knowledge of the history and culture of the German-speaking world. Films promote vocabulary enhancement, grammar review as well as improvement of speaking and writing skills. Cross-cultural comparisons encourage critical thinking skills. Satisfies GE Area C3 (Comparative Perspectives and Foreign Languages). Prerequisite: GER 102. Requires concurrent enrollment in GER 210L. This course may be taken before GER 200.

GER 210L  
LANGUAGE LABORATORY  (1)

A minimum of two academic hours (100 minutes) weekly of practice sessions in the language laboratories and/or online. Cr/NC only. Must be taken concurrently with GER 210.

GER 300  
ADVANCED GERMAN STUDIES  (4)

Prepares students for the Goethe-Certificate B1 proficiency examination (Zertifikat Deutsch). Students acquire differentiated vocabulary, greater grammatical accuracy, and improve their speaking and writing skills by focusing on varied language use in different contexts. Content may include: issues of gender or multiculturalism, the continued influence of the Nazi past, and German reunification. Satisfies GE Area C3 (Comparative Perspectives and/or Foreign Languages). Prerequisites: GER 200 and GER 210, or consent of instructor. Course may be taken before GER 314. May be repeated for credit under different subtitles. Must be taken in residence at SSU.

GER 314  
LITERATURE AND CULTURE OF THE GERMAN-SPEAKING WORLD  (4)

Studies of literature, film, art, and the cultural history of German-speaking countries. Taught in English. Satisfies GE Area C2. Prerequisites: ENGL 101 and GER 102 (the latter for German minors only), or consent of instructor. Requires concurrent enrollment for German minors in GER 399L (not for GE students). May be repeated for credit under different title.

GER 315  
GERMAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE  (1)

Readings and discussion of selected literary works in German. Review of vocabulary and grammar. Includes practice of pronunciation. Students pursuing the minor or special major in German must take this course concurrently with GER 314. Also open to other German students.

Prerequisite: GER 102 or consent of instructor.

GER 395  
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM  (1-4)

CIP involves students in basic community problems, performing such tasks as tutoring, coaching, and assisting others in the process of learning. Students receive 1 to 4 units, depending on the specific tasks performed. Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

GER 490  
SENIOR SEMINAR IN AREA STUDIES  (4)

Directed individual study. Prerequisite: consent of instructor. May be repeated for credit.

GER 499  
INTERNSHIP  (1-4)

Preparation for the Goethe Certificate B1 proficiency examination (Zertifikat Deutsch). Students acquire differentiated vocabulary, greater grammatical accuracy, and improve their speaking and writing skills by focusing on varied language use in different contexts. Content may include: issues of gender or multiculturalism, the continued influence of the Nazi past, and German reunification. Satisfies GE Area C3 (Comparative Perspectives and/or Foreign Languages). Prerequisites: GER 200 and GER 210, or consent of instructor. Course may be taken before GER 314. May be repeated for credit under different subtitles. Must be taken in residence at SSU.