GERS - GERMAN STUDIES

GERS141 Yiddish I (3 Credits)
Introduction to the Yiddish language, with emphasis on speaking, reading, and writing skills. Students will also learn the history of the language, its significance to Jewish culture, its origins and basic structure. Cross-listed with: JWST281.
Credit Only Granted for: JWST281, GERM148Y or GERS141.

GERS142 Elementary Yiddish II (3 Credits)
Continuation of JWST281.
Prerequisite: JWST281; or permission of ARHU-Meyerhoff Program & Center for Jewish Studies. Cross-listed with: JWST282.
Credit Only Granted for: GERM149Z, GERS142 or JWST282.

GERS299 Special Topics in German Studies (3 Credits)
Selected topics on language, literature, or culture of the German-speaking world.
Prerequisite: Permission of ARHU-School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures department.
Repeatable to: 9 credits if content differs.

GERS319 Selected Topics in German Language Studies (1-3 Credits)
The analysis of the German language as a reflection of cultural, functional, and social practice in the German-speaking world.
Prerequisite: GERS203; or students who have taken courses with comparable content may contact the department.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GERS389 Topics in German Culture (3 Credits)
Topics in the cultures of the German-speaking peoples. Taught in English.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

GERS399 Selected Topics in German Studies (3 Credits)
Selected topics on the language, literature, and culture of the German-speaking world.
Prerequisite: Permission of ARHU-School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures department.
Repeatable to: 9 credits if content differs.

GERS457 Germany: Energy Transition, Climate Change, and Sustainability (3 Credits)
Interdisciplinary examination of Germany as a leading model in dealing with contemporary issues of sustainability as well as the economic, social, and political impacts of climate change in a global world. Students will learn the basics of climate change, examine policy tools (e.g. carbon taxes, regulations, incentives, etc.) and technological innovations to curb the causes of climate change and promote sustainable practices. Students will also learn how cultural values and traditions inform policy making by examining the history of the environmental movement in German cultural artifacts (e.g., art, literature, grass-roots social movements, etc.). Designed to appeal to students with a variety of backgrounds (technical, policy and government, and humanities), the course blends site visits (e.g. coal mines, government offices, technical universities, artist studios, grass-roots collectives, museums, parks, etc.) with academic lectures by experts in pertinent fields and faculty-led discussion groups. Students will receive an overarching and holistic overview of the economic, political, and cultural costs of climate change as well as current efforts to offset the negative impacts through greater sustainability. Taught in English. Cross-listed with: AREC357.
Credit Only Granted for: AREC357, GERM457, or GERS457.