

GEOG 7560 Rural and Agricultural Development in China (3,2,1)

An examination of (1) the physical and historical factors affecting China's agriculture, (2) institutional changes since 1949 in China's rural sector, and (3) underlying contemporary problems and programmes concerning agricultural growth and rural development. Field study in China may be required.

GEOG 7570 Urban Development in China (3,3,0)

This course will provide an insight into the internal structure and external linkage of Chinese cities, and analysis of problems, policies and reforms in China's urbanization and urban economy. Field study in China may be required.

GERM 1005 German I (3,3,0) (E/G)

This course aims to introduce the German language and culture to beginners. It combines linguistic and communicative skills with a balanced emphasis on reading, writing, speaking and listening. Special stress is placed on mastering the sound system and the basic grammatical forms, as well as building basic receptive and productive skills in German for effective daily communication. The course also helps students develop their critical thinking through in-class discussions about the cultural dimensions of the language and acquire strategies to learn "how to learn German". The aim is for them to reach EU level A1.1.

GERM 1006 German II (3,3,0) (E/G)

Prerequisite: GERM 1005 German I or equivalent

This is a continuation of German I. The course will introduce the German language and culture relating to travelling and work. Students will learn to communicate effectively in everyday situations such as travelling and shopping, finding jobs, and consulting doctors. An integrated approach to language skills will be adopted, and materials and activities that are relevant to travelling or studying in Germany will be presented in context. They will encounter relatively more difficult texts and be able to express themselves in more complex structures. The course also helps students develop their critical thinking through in-class discussions about cultural issues such as jobs, leisure time and environmental protection. By the end of the course, they should be able to reach EU level A1.2.

GERM 1008-9 European Language in Context I (8,4,8) (G) (German)

This course is designed for the German stream of the European Studies programme. It seeks to introduce the German languages in the context of living, studying and working in the German speaking areas of Europe. At the end of this course students achieve the A2-Level of Competence of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) as laid down by the Council of Europe.

GERM 1111-2 European Language I (German) (8,4,8) (G)

All basic language skills are developed in an integrated fashion, although oral/aural skills take preference at this stage. Aspects of German area studies are integrated right from the start. By the end of Year I students are expected (1) to understand simple German conversations and participate in them with some facility, (2) to express themselves readily on topics of general interest and answer questions about themselves, (3) to be able to request information in the foreign language and negotiate meaning in everyday situations, (4) to use standard German grammatical constructions as taught, (5) to possess a clear pronunciation, (6) to understand written texts adapted for classroom purposes, and (7) to summarize these texts orally and present their own point of view in the foreign language.

Classes are of a semi-intensive format with at least twelve contact hours per week. Supplementary guided self-access studies (video, audiolingual, PC software and WWW-based exercises) are obligatory with an additional minimum of three hours per week and are monitored by the language teaching staff. This course is open to European Studies majors only.

GERM 1610 German I (3,3,0) (E/G)

This course aims to introduce the German language and culture to beginners. It combines linguistic and communicative skills with a balanced emphasis on reading, writing, speaking and listening. Special stress is placed on mastering the sound system and the basic grammatical forms, as well as building basic receptive and productive skills in German for effective daily communication. The course also helps students develop their critical thinking through in-class discussions about the cultural dimensions of the language and acquire strategies to learn "how to learn German". The aim is for them to reach EU level A1.1.

GERM 1620 German II (3,3,0) (E/G)

Prerequisite: GERM 1610 German I or equivalent

This is a continuation of German I. The course will introduce the German language and culture relating to travelling and work. Students will learn to communicate effectively in everyday situations such as travelling and shopping, finding jobs, and consulting doctors. An integrated approach to language skills will be adopted, and materials and activities that are relevant to travelling or studying in Germany will be presented in context. They will encounter relatively more difficult texts and be able to express themselves in more complex structures. The course also helps students develop their critical thinking through in-class discussions about cultural issues such as jobs, leisure time and environmental protection. By the end of the course, they should be able to reach EU level A1.2.

GERM 2005 German III (3,3,0) (G)

Prerequisite: GERM 1006 German II or GERM 3005 Business German or equivalent

This is a continuation of German II. The course will present the German language and culture in greater depth to advanced beginners. It offers a balanced range of language skills through further syntax acquisition: reading and text analysis, oral expression and communicative skills. Giving directions, good customer service, going shopping and to parties are general situations for using simple German. The course also helps students develop their critical thinking through in-class discussions about cultural issues such as lifestyles. They should be able to reach EU level A1.2 by the end of the course.

GERM 2006 German IV (3,3,0) (G)

Prerequisite: GERM 2005 German III or equivalent

This course further develops the students' basic knowledge of German grammar and vocabulary beyond the intermediate stage. They will learn to use their German more independently in writing, listening and speaking. They will also learn to engage successfully in small talk at home, in class, at work, in sports and parties. The course also helps students develop their critical thinking through in-class discussions about cultural issues such as German manners and dealing with problems and complaints. They will expand their vocabulary to more than 1,200 words and master all the grammatical structures for communicating in everyday life of the EU level A2.1.

GERM 2008-9 European Language in Context II (8,4,8) (tbc) (German)

Prerequisite: GERM 1008-9 European Language in Context I (German)

This course is the continuation of GERM 1008-9 and aims to equip students to pursue academic studies as well as internships in the German speaking areas of Europe during year III. To this end, the course will help the students to reach a sufficient and autonomous level in spoken and written German language; collect useful information about German civilization and contemporary society; and last but not the least, acquire the right attitudes that will enhance their learning and communication strategies. Students at the end of this course achieve the B2-Level of Competence of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) laid down by the Council of Europe.