

2015-2016 German Course Descriptions

GRN 101 Elementary German I. The first of two elementary-level courses intended to help students develop communicative as well as intercultural competence in German. GRN 101 is intended for students with no prior knowledge of German, or those who have had 2 years or less of high school German. Prerequisite: none. 4 Semester Hours.

GRN 102 Elementary German II. The second of two elementary-level courses intended to help students develop communicative as well as intercultural competence in German. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Foreign Language Proficiency requirement. Prerequisite: GRN 101 or 2 or more years of high school German. 4 Semester Hours.

GRN 201 Issues in Contemporary German Culture and Society. An intermediate-level content-based course designed to improve students' knowledge of German by exploring current cultural and social trends in Germany. Prerequisite: GRN 102, passing the University of Mount Union proficiency test, or permission of the instructor. 4 Semester Hours.

GRN 202 Austria, Switzerland, and German-Speaking Europe. An intermediate-level content-based course designed to improve students' knowledge of German by exploring cultural and social trends in Austria, Switzerland, and German-speaking Europe of both the past and the present. Prerequisite: GRN 102, passing the University of Mount Union proficiency test, or permission of the instructor. 4 Semester Hours.

GRN 203 German Through Film. An intermediate-level course which focuses on improving listening comprehension as well as written and oral expression through the use of German-language film. Prerequisite: GRN 102, passing the University of Mount Union proficiency test, or permission of the instructor. 4 Semester Hours.

GRN 204 Germans, Germany, and the American Experience. An intermediate-level content-based course designed to improve students' knowledge of German by exploring the unique relationship between Germany and the United States, as well as the contributions of German immigrants to America from its founding to the present day. Prerequisite: GRN 102, passing the University of Mount Union proficiency test, or permission of the instructor. 4 Semester Hours.

GRN 210 Travel Seminar. In this course students will participate in a faculty-led trip to German-speaking Europe. 1-4 Semester Hours.

GRN 230 Topics in German Literature. A study of literary works by German-speaking authors within the context of a particular theme or issue. Topic varies from year to year. Course readings and all class discussions are in English. Prerequisite: none. 4 Semester Hours.

GRN 235H The Peoples and Cultures of Contemporary Germany. A study of unified Germany with an emphasis on social, political, economic, and cultural trends from 1945 to the present. Course readings and all class discussions are in English. Prerequisite: none. 4 Semester Hours.

GRN 290 Intermediate Conversation and Composition Practicum. This course features individualized and small group practice designed to help intermediate-level students strengthen their speaking and writing skills in German. Course graded S/U only. May be repeated for additional credit with permission of the instructor. Prerequisite: GRN 201, GRN 202 or GRN 203, or permission of the instructor. 1 Semester Hour.

GRN 301 Advanced German Language, Literature, and Culture I. The first of two advanced-level content courses required of all German majors. Topics and content may vary. Emphasis is placed on developing advanced-level skills in German, as well as greater intercultural competence by analyzing German literary and artistic works. This course meets for 7 weeks (1/2) of the semester. Prerequisite: One course from the intermediate level that is taught in German or permission of the instructor. 2 Semester Hours.

GRN 302 Advanced German Language, Literature, and Culture II. The second of two advanced-level content courses required of all German majors. Topics and content may vary. Emphasis is placed on developing advanced-level skills in German as well as greater intercultural competence by analyzing German literary and artistic works. This course meets for 7 weeks (1/2) of the semester. Prerequisite: One course from the intermediate level that is taught in German or permission of the instructor. 2 Semester Hours.

GRN 303 German for the Professions. An advanced-level course in commercial and technical German designed for students in the fields of business, economics, engineering, and the sciences. Emphasis is placed on developing the linguistic and cultural competence necessary for using German in professional situations. This course meets for 7 weeks (1/2) of the semester. Prerequisite: One course from the intermediate level that is taught in German or permission of the instructor. 2 Semester Hours.

GRN 304 Special Topics in German Literature and Culture. An advanced-level course exploring literary, cultural and artistic topics from the German-speaking world. This course may be repeated for additional credit with the permission of the instructor. This course meets for 7 weeks (1/2) of the semester. Prerequisite: One course from the intermediate level that is taught in German or permission of the instructor. 2 Semester Hours.

GRN 385 Methods of Teaching German. A practical and theoretical methodology course which emphasizes lesson planning, writing instructional objectives, assessment, curriculum design, and a study of methodologies and materials relevant to the teaching of German in the elementary, middle, and secondary schools. The course emphasizes the core guidelines of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages and relates instructional planning to Ohio's Model for a Competency-Based Program in Foreign Languages. This course must be taken prior to or concurrently with Multiage Student Teaching and GRN 386. This course does not count toward the requirements of the major or minor in German. Prerequisites: Successful completion of one 300-level course in German and permission of the instructor. 4 Semester Hours.

GRN 386 Practicum in the Teaching of German. A practicum designed to put into immediate practice theories and strategies discussed in GRN 385. The student will serve as a teaching assistant in an elementary or intermediate course in German in the Department of Foreign Languages and Cultures. It is recommended that this course be taken concurrently with GRN 385. This course does not count toward the requirements for the major or minor in German. Prerequisites: Successful completion of one or more 300-level courses in German and permission of the instructor. 2 Semester Hours.

GRN 387 Teaching German in the Elementary School. This course is a practicum designed to make available to the teacher candidate in German a practical field experience at the elementary school level. Under the direct supervision of foreign language faculty, the teacher candidate will participate in a FLES program at a local elementary school for one semester. It is recommended that this course be taken concurrently with GRN 385. This course does not count toward the requirements for the major or minor in German. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. 1 Semester Hour.

GRN 390 Advanced German Conversation and Composition Practicum. This course features individualized and small group practice designed to help advanced-level students strengthen their speaking and writing skills in German. Course graded S/U only. May be repeated for additional credit with permission of the instructor. Prerequisite: GRN 301 or permission of the instructor. 1 Semester Hour.

GRN 401 Advanced Special Topics. Topics may vary. May be repeated for credit. Consent of instructor required. Prerequisite: One course at the 300 level or permission of the instructor. 4 Semester Hours.

GRN 485 Teaching Assistant Practicum – German. This course is intended for German-language teaching assistants only. This course may be repeated for additional credit. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. 6 Semester Hours.