GERMAN STUDIES (GES)

GES 100. German Pre-Orientation Tour. (1 h)

GES 331. Weimar Germany. (3 h)
Art, literature, music, and film of Weimar Germany, 1919-1933, in historical context. Also listed as HST 318. Taught in English.

GES 335. German Film. (3 h)
Survey of German cinema from the silent era to the present. Also listed as HMN 235.

GES 337. Myth and National Identity Formation. (3 h)
Explores the philosophical, social, religious, and political background of Germany and Austria in the context of the Niebelung cycle. Students read selected works of Tacitus, medical epics, medieval poetry, Herder, Wagner, Nietzsche, and Adorno. (D)

GES 340. German Masterworks in Translation. (3 h)
Examines selected works of German, Austrian, and Swiss fiction in English translation by such writers as Goethe, Schiller, Kafka, Mann, and Schnitzler. Literary periods, genres, and authors vary according to instructor. Can also be offered online in summer. Also listed as HMN 340. (D)

GES 341. Special Topics in German and Austrian Literature and Culture. (3 h)
Credit towards the German major or minor. Taught in English. Offered only at the Flow House in Vienna.

GES 345. History of the German Language. (3 h)
Survey of the development of the German language from prehistoric times to modern day German. Topics include: From Indo-European to Germanic, phonetical and lexical changes of the German language, Old High German, Middle-High German, Early New High German, and Modern Standard German. No prior knowledge of linguistics necessary.

GES 350. Fin de Siecle Vienna. (3 h)
Survey of major developments in Viennese art, music, literature, and society from roughly 1889 to 1918. Important figures to be discussed are Mahler, Schoenbert, Klimt, Schiele, Schnitzler, Musil, Freund, and Herzl. Offered only at the Flow House in Vienna. (D)

GES 351. German-Jewish Literature and Culture. (3 h)
Explores the history of relations, cross-cultural influences, and prejudices between German Jews and Christians in literature from the Middle Ages to the present. Texts and discussions will also draw attention to pertinent contemporary issues, such as various forms of intolerance and the complexity and malleability of religious identity. (D)

GES 390. German Women Writers. (3 h)
Examination of selected works by women authors. Literary periods, genres, and authors vary according to instructor. Also listed as HMN 391. (D)

GES 394. German Myths, Legends and Fairy Tales. (3 h)
Study of German myths, legends and fairy tales since the Middle Ages and their role in the formation of German national identity. Also listed as HMN 394. (D)

GES 395. Special Topics in German Studies. (3 h)
GES 396. The German Novel. (3 h)
Introduction to novels by German, Swiss, and Austrian authors. Also listed as HMN 395. (D)

GES 397. Intellectual History of Weimar. (3 h)
Examines the philosophical, political and literary works that gave rise to the mythical status of Weimar as the intellectual heart of Germany. Students read selected works by Luther, Goethe, Schiller, Fichte and the Jena Romantics. (D)