

LC2511: CULTURE AND SOCIETY IN GERMAN-SPEAKING COUNTRIES

Effective Term

Semester A 2022/23

Part I Course Overview

Course Title

Culture and Society in German-Speaking Countries

Subject Code

LC - CFML CSL Language Centre

Course Number

2511

Academic Unit

CFML CSL Language Centre (LC)

College/School

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CH)

Course Duration

One Semester

Credit Units

3

Level

B1, B2, B3, B4 - Bachelor's Degree

Medium of Instruction

Other Languages

Other Languages for Medium of Instruction

English supplemented by German

Medium of Assessment

Other Languages

Other Languages for Medium of Assessment

English supplemented by German

Prerequisites

LC2501/LT2501/CLA2501 German 1; or
LC2506/LT2506/CLA2506 Intensive German 1 and 2

Precursors

Nil

Equivalent Courses

LT2511/CLA2511/CLA3511/EN2879 Culture and Society in German-Speaking Countries

Exclusive Courses

Nil

Part II Course Details**Abstract**

This course is designed to introduce culture and society of the German-speaking countries. Upon completion of the course, students will have a general idea about the classical and popular culture of the German speaking countries, and they will be acquainted with some present day issues and current affairs.

Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

| CILOs | | Weighting (if DEC-A1 DEC-A2 DEC-A3 app.) | | | |
|-------|--|--|---|---|---|
| 1 | Identify and reflect selected key features of the culture of the German speaking countries | | x | x | x |
| 2 | Assess some major current issues within the German speaking countries | | x | x | x |

A1: Attitude

Develop an attitude of discovery/innovation/creativity, as demonstrated by students possessing a strong sense of curiosity, asking questions actively, challenging assumptions or engaging in inquiry together with teachers.

A2: Ability

Develop the ability/skill needed to discover/innovate/create, as demonstrated by students possessing critical thinking skills to assess ideas, acquiring research skills, synthesizing knowledge across disciplines or applying academic knowledge to real-life problems.

A3: Accomplishments

Demonstrate accomplishment of discovery/innovation/creativity through producing /constructing creative works/new artefacts, effective solutions to real-life problems or new processes.

Teaching and Learning Activities (TLAs)

| TLAs | Brief Description | CILO No. | Hours/week (if applicable) |
|------|---|----------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Students will be exposed to and discuss a wide selection of topics, like popular and classical music and visual arts, history, current issues etc. | 1, 2 | |
| 2 | Students will research and present a topic related to culture and civilization of the German speaking world (10 minute presentation). Topic selection and preliminary discussion in week 2. Printout to be handed in one week before presentation | 1, 2 | |

Assessment Tasks / Activities (ATs)

| ATs | | CILO No. | Weighting (%) | Remarks (e.g. Parameter for GenAI use) |
|-----|---------------------|----------|---------------|--|
| 1 | Presentation | 1, 2 | 10 | individual or group assessment |
| 2 | Quiz | 1, 2 | 30 | individual assessment |
| 3 | Final test | 1, 2 | 50 | individual assessment |
| 4 | Class participation | | 10 | individual assessment |

Continuous Assessment (%)

100

Examination (%)

0

Assessment Rubrics (AR)**Assessment Task**

1. Presentation

Criterion

Content, presentation skills

Excellent (A+, A, A-)

The topic is excellently researched and presented.

Good (B+, B, B-)

Research and presentation are good.

Fair (C+, C, C-)

Research and presentation are fair.

Marginal (D)

Research and presentation are marginal.

Failure (F)

Research and presentation are weak.

Assessment Task

2. Quiz and final test

Criterion

Ability to communicate and discuss key features related to culture and society of the German speaking countries

Excellent (A+, A, A-)

Student is able to communicate and discuss in detail and extensively key features related to culture and society of the German speaking countries.

Good (B+, B, B-)

Student is able to communicate and discuss in detail key features related to culture and society of the German speaking countries.

Fair (C+, C, C-)

Student is able to communicate fair knowledge of key features related to culture and society of the German speaking countries.

Marginal (D)

Student is able to communicate marginal knowledge of key features related to culture and society of the German speaking countries.

Failure (F)

Student is not able to communicate more than a few isolated key features related to culture and society of the German speaking countries.

Assessment Task

3. Class participation

Criterion

Participation as observed in class

Excellent (A+, A, A-)

Student's participation is excellent

Good (B+, B, B-)

Student's participation is good at best

Fair (C+, C, C-)

Student's participation is fair at best

Marginal (D)

Student's participation is marginal

Failure (F)

Student's participation is weak

Part III Other Information**Keyword Syllabus**

German culture, German popular culture, film, visual art, classical and popular music, mass media, literature, history, society, current affairs

Reading List**Compulsory Readings**

| | Title |
|---|---|
| 1 | Modern Germany : an encyclopedia of history, people, and culture, 1871-1990 / editors, Dieter K. Buse, Juergen C. Doerr. New York : Garland Pub., 1998. Reference Collection DD14 .M64 1998 v.1 |
| 2 | Encyclopedia of contemporary German culture / edited by John Sandford. London ; New York : Routledge, 1999. My Tags Add a Tag Reference Collection DD290.26 .E53 1999 |
| 3 | Sherrington, Ingrid/Wingate, Ursula (2013): Themen Aktuell, Wiederholungsbuch. Vol. 1, Level A1. Munich: Hueber. |

Additional Readings

| Title | |
|-------|---|
| 1 | Links at: http://www.goethe.de/enindex.htm |
| 2 | English part of German news magazine: http://www.spiegel.de/international/ |
| 3 | English news magazine in Germany: http://www.thelocal.de/ |
| 4 | Language and Culture: http://german.about.com |