Michigan Technological University: Spring 2012

Deutsch HU 3285, German for Special Purposes

Topic: *German Film, News, and Media*

**Syllabus**

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**Course Goals:** Deutsch HU 3285 is a continuation of your study of German language and of representative features of the main German-speaking countries. The prerequisite for this course is the successful completion of HU 3282 or an equivalent knowledge demonstrated by scoring at least 440 points on the German placement test. By the end of the semester (in conjunction with previous studies) you should have improved your skills in order to:

- Feel comfortable in a German-speaking environment
- Have a good knowledge of German grammar and vocabulary
- Read German of an intermediate to advanced level of complexity
- Participate in discussions
- Present your view on subjects of interest
- Be more familiar with cultural similarities and differences
- Write short German texts, (journal entries, for example).

**Structure and Content of the Course:** The course is an introduction to German film, news, and media. We will work with the text, *German through Film*, by Adriana Borra and Ruth Mader-Koltay. We will also reinforce old and newly learned language skills by working in small groups. There will be two essay assignments, three written reviews (related to our readings and viewings), homework assignments (grammar and vocabulary building), and one oral report.
Grading Scale:
92-100%  A
87-91%   A/B
82-86%   B
77-81%   B/C
72-76%   C
67-71%   C/D
62-66%   D
0-61     F

Attendance: **Attendance is required.** Students who miss more than two classes without university-approved excuses will lower their final grade by half a grade; those who miss more than three will lower their grade by a full grade. There will be no passing grade for students who miss more than 30% of classes without university-approved excuses. Excessive tardiness will also result in a grade reduction.

Cell Phone-Free Environment: This classroom is to be free of cell phones from 2:05 until 2:55. Students who use their phones during class will potentially lower their final grade.

Academic Integrity: MTU’s Academic Integrity Policy defines plagiarism as "knowingly copying another’s work and calling it one’s own or not giving proper credit or citation." The penalties for plagiarism or other forms of cheating range from receiving a failing grade on the work in question to expulsion from the university.

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