Course Syllabus

HU3285 - Level III German: Film & Media

Department of Humanities

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Course Identification

Course Number: HU3285-R01
Course Name: Level III German: Film & Media
Course Location: 109 Walker Arts and Humanities Center
Class Times: TR 11:05am – 12:20 pm
Prerequisites: HU 3282
or Language Placement German >= 521 or AP German 3 or higher

Course Description/Overview

Willkommen in Houghton!

Ich freue mich, dass Sie an der Technischen Universität Michigan weiter Deutsch lernen möchten... I am pleased that you are going to continue your study of German and hope that I can help you achieve a reasonable mastery of German during the time allotted this semester.

HU3284 and HU3285 are a continuation of your study of German language and of representative cultural features of the main German-speaking countries. HU3285 introduces students to German film, news and media. The film part of this course will use the book, German Through Film. We will view and discuss audiovisual and internet materials related to German film, news and media. During the entire course we will also try
to apply newly learned skills by working in small groups (AGs = Arbeitsgruppen).

There will be two essay assignments, one mid-term exam, two review papers in German, and one comparison final paper in English, and five small group online discussions, two written reviews (in German; related to our readings and viewings), regular homework assigned, and one oral presentation ("Referat"). You are welcome to discuss with me any matters related to the course and your studies. _Alles Gute für dieses Frühlingssemester— und viel Spaß!_

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**Course Learning Objectives**

After having taken HU3284 and HU3285 (they do not have to be taken in this sequence) you should have improved your skills in order to:

1. feel comfortable in a German-speaking environment
2. have a thorough knowledge of German grammar and vocabulary
3. read German of an intermediate to advanced level of complexity
4. participate in discussions and skits
5. present your view on subjects of interest
6. be more familiar with cultural similarities and differences
7. write German texts like a personal letter, a journal, and short compositions

All work in this course will stress the use of German as a means of communication.

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**Course Resources**

Course Website
- Canvas<http://www.courses.mtu.edu>

Required Course Texts
Adriana Borra, Ruth Mader-Koltay, *German Through Film*, New Haven: Yale Univ. Press,


Course Fees
Lab Fee: $25.00

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**Grading Scheme**
Grading System

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<th>Letter Grade</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>A</td>
<td>93% &amp; above</td>
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<td>87% – 92%</td>
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<td>Conditional, with no grade points per credit; given only when the student is at fault in failing to complete a minor segment of a course, but in the judgment of the instructor does not need to repeat the course. It must be made up by the close of the next semester or the grade becomes a failure (F). A (X) grade is computed into the grade point average as a (F) grade.</td>
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Grading Policy

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<td>Homework</td>
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<td>Oral Report (&quot;Referat&quot;) and skits</td>
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<td>Five small group discussions</td>
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Late Assignments
Late assignments will be graded at no more than 50% of the total points.

Course Policies

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 more than 30% of classes without university-approved excuses. Excessive tardiness will also result in a grade reduction.

Collaboration/Plagiarism Rules
Specific course rules or policies regarding collaboration on graded academic exercises.

Cell phones, Blackberries, iPods, PDAs, or any other electronic devices are not to be used in the classroom. Information exchanges on these devices during class are also prohibited and violate the Academic Integrity Code of Michigan Tech.

**University Policies**

Student work products (exams, essays, projects, etc.) may be used for purposes of university, program, or course assessment. All work used for assessment purposes will not include any individual student identification.

Michigan Tech has standard policies on academic misconduct and complies with all federal and state laws and regulations regarding discrimination, including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. For more information about reasonable accommodation for or equal access to education or services at Michigan Tech, please call the Dean of Students Office, at (906) 487-2212 or go to [http://www.mtu.edu/provost/faculty-resources/syllabus-policies](http://www.mtu.edu/provost/faculty-resources/syllabus-policies).

**Tentative Course Schedule**

**Woche 1**

* Dienstag, 14. Januar  Einführung: HU3285
  Anfang des Films *Comedian Harmonists*

  **Hausaufgaben für Donnerstag:**
  Lernen: *German Through Film* (=GTF), Seite 2-5
  Lesen/mündlich: *GTF*, Seite 22-25

* Donnerstag, 16. Januar  Weiter mit den *Comedian Harmonists*

  **Hausaufgaben für Dienstag:**
  Schriftlich: *GTF*, Seite 26 und 27 (just write the answers on a piece of paper)