National University of Singapore
Centre for Language Studies

Academic Session 2003/2004, Semester II

LA4202GR
Advanced German II

Course Outline

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Course Objectives
This module aims to provide students with further training in skills and strategies to engage in authentic discourse and more complex argumentative writing. Topics of social, historical and cultural interest will be introduced through authentic materials such as selected works of Literature, texts from newspapers and magazines, and audio and video recordings.

Course Structure
The five hours weekly for the course will be divided into 1 Seminar (3 hrs) and 1 Tutorial (2 hrs).

There will be twelve weeks of seminar, beginning from 12 January 2004 (semester week 2) till the end of the semester. Tutorials will commence on 19 January 2004 (semester week 3) and run till the end of the semester. Attendance is compulsory for both the seminar and the tutorial.

Seminar Sessions
During the seminar sessions, the students will be introduced to topics of study as well as new grammatical aspects. The course adopts a project-oriented approach. Emphasis will be given to the development of skills and strategies to comprehend authentic texts on complex topics. The lessons will be based on the textbook “Eurolingua Deutsch 3” as well as authentic materials from the media, literature and other sources.

Tutorials
The tutorial will provide students with the opportunity to develop speaking skills and acquire new vocabulary. They will also support the lectures in reinforcing the students’ grasp of new linguistic structures. The lessons will be based mainly on the textbook / workbook “Eurolingua Deutsch 3” and additional materials prepared by the tutor and lecturer.

Evaluation
Continuous Assessment will make 60% of the overall marks and be based on the students’ written work, oral performance, projects and project presentations, a semester test, an oral test as well as class participation.

There will be a written examination, accounting for 40% of the overall marks, at the end of the semester.
Course Content

⇒ Possible topics include:

Menschenrechte
Kindheit
Mobilität
Migration
Umweltverschmutzung/Umweltschutz
Geschichte der Mauer
Feministische Bewegung in Deutschland
Deutsche Kunst
Arbeit, Beruf und Arbeitsumfeld

⇒ Grammar to be covered:

Present Participle (Partizip I)
Subjunctive II in Present Perfect Tense
Modal Auxiliary Verbs and Subjunctive II
Genitive Attributes
Endings of Nouns and Pronouns in Genitive
Composition and Declension of Adjectives

Book List

Textbooks:


Reference:
The following dictionary is required for the course: