

National University of Singapore  
Centre of Language Studies  
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Semester I

## **LAG4203            German Studies 1**

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### **Course Outline**

#### **Pre-requisite**

There will be a placement test on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2004, 10am, in AS7/0106.

#### **Module Description**

With this module the Centre for Language Studies wants to cater to those students with sufficient previous knowledge of German as a Foreign Language. The module is open to students from other programmes, departments and faculties that fulfil the above mentioned criteria.

#### **Course Objectives**

This module seeks to further develop the students' ability to comprehend texts as well as to effectively communicate their views on highly complex social, political, cultural and environmental topics. Students will be introduced to rhetorically more demanding text types such as argumentative texts or commentaries (e.g. newspaper and magazine articles, television documentaries etc.). Accordingly, the course is designed to help the students to acquire adequate communication skills to discuss these more serious topics with other speakers of German or write argumentative pieces on them. By the end of the course students should be well prepared to pass the external internationally recognized certificate TestDaF.

The course will also focus on developing the students' learning strategies as well as their learner autonomy. In this respect, students will discuss and decide on the topics for the course during the first week of the semester, based on their needs and interests. Students are encouraged to suggest topics they are interested in. Each topic will last over a period of between 3 to 5 weeks. The materials will be from different sources such as various textbooks, literature, newspapers and magazines, and the electronic media, and students are encouraged to find supplements on their own.

Topic suggestions:

- Fremdsprache lernen
- Leben in einer Großstadt (Berlin)
- Ausbildung, Beruf und Arbeitswelt
- Probleme junger Leute
- Medien
- Liebe – Beziehungen
- Umweltschutz

The module will be conducted in German and regular participation in both seminar sessions and tutorials is expected.

### **Course Structure and Schedule**

This course will be divided into one seminar session and one tutorial per week. The seminar sessions will begin on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2004, tutorials on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2004.

The schedule for the seminar session is as follows:

Thursday 12-4pm, AS4/0206

The tutorial will be:

Wednesday, 6-8pm, AS1/0221

### **Readings**

In the first week, readings will be discussed and decided according to the topics selected, and the level of German language of the majority of the students. The material will mainly be provided by the lecturer, but students are encouraged to find supplements on their own. The materials will be drawn from sources such as various textbooks, literature, newspaper and magazine articles and the electronic media.

The following dictionary is **required** for the course:

Götz, D. et al (Ed.): *Langenscheidts Großwörterbuch Deutsch als Fremdsprache*. Berlin & Munich 1999: Langenscheidt.

### **Evaluation**

Continuous Assessment will make up 60 % of the overall marks and be based on the students' written work (compositions, essays, project etc.), oral speaking abilities, performance in periodic tests as well as class participation in the seminar sessions and tutorials.

The written exam at the end of the semester will be 40 % of the overall marks.