

Ger 3600 Topics in German Linguistics/Language
Section 010-LEC(31663)

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Tuesday/Thursday 220-340
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"Using German"



In this course we will investigate the German language as it used today. As an introduction, we will briefly review the structural aspects of German, e.g., phonology, morphology, syntax and lexicon. Next we will move on to a look at the numerous varieties that make up the German language, including dialects, sociolects and technolects. Further topics to be investigated include:

- the influence of foreign languages on German, especially English (Denglisch)
- modern attitudes toward standardization and language change
- the role of German in the EU
- minority and immigrant languages in Germany
- German in the media and advertising

Students will work in groups to publish an electronic iBook of course materials (iPads will be supplied).

Class is taught in German. Prerequisite Ger 2102 or equivalent.