

"Using German"



In this course we will investigate the German language as it used today. We will briefly review the structural aspects of German, e.g., phonology, morphology, syntax and lexicon. Then we'll 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 be asked to write 4 essays, complete a final project (presentation and web page), homework and short quizzes. Class is taught in German.

Prereq: Ger 2102 or equivalent. * Ger 2350 is NOT required as a prerequisite *