

"Using German"

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In this course we look at HOW the German language as it used today. We'll start out with a brief review of the structural elements of German, e.g., its sounds, words (and how to make them) and how they're put together. Next we'll look at the numerous varieties that make up the German language, including dialects, sociolects and ethnolects.

Further topics:

- 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

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