



Faculty of Arts
School of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures and Cultures

GERM 200
Made in Germany
Winter 2023
Tuesday and Thursday 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm CHE 102

COURSE OUTLINE

INSTRUCTOR'S NAME: Sebastian Rauball

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DESCRIPTION

What do we know about Germany? An analysis of contemporary Germany as well as retrospections on its modern history. This class focuses on getting to know Germany. This will be done through the critical engagement with contemporary German society, (media) texts, video sources and other forms of expression.

OBJECTIVES

The goal of this course is to make students gain knowledge about German society and culture through the lens of German contemporary history and society. In a broader sense, Germany's role in the world and perspectives on how Germany might develop.

OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to understand important parts of Germany's society and culture. They will be aware of German modern history, Germany's role in the world and its current challenges. They will have enhanced their presentation, reading, and writing skills.

REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS

Everything will be made available on D2L

Technology Requirements:

As per the requirements, students need to have reliable access to technology, as follows:

- A computer with a supported operating system, as well as the latest security, and malware updates;
- A current and updated web browser;
- Microphone and speaker (built-in or external), or headset with microphone;
- Current antivirus and/or firewall software enabled;
- Stable internet connection.



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Additionally, a webcam/camera (built-in or external) is highly recommended.

ASSESSMENT

Homework: 15 % (3 at 5% each)

Presentation: 15%

Oral exam: 30 %

Participation: 40 %

Homework: There are 3 homework assignments. Homework assesses students' understanding of the assigned readings. Homework must be submitted on D2L prior to the class meeting for which it was assigned, and it should be ready at hand during class meetings. Homework will be graded based on completion.

Presentation:

Students will be asked to present one topic in class, in groups or on their own. Presentations will be graded on content, presentational skills and interactions with the class and the professor (5% each)

Oral exam: There will be 1 oral exam (max. 15 minutes). The exam will be graded based on understanding of the topic (10%), structure (introduction and conclusion, clear transitions) (10%) and an understanding what the role of this topic is in German society (10%).

Participation: Students are asked to participate in class discussions by sharing results of their homework and/or providing additional comments and questions. To receive a perfect grade, students must make substantive contributions every session over the course of the semester.

PLEASE NOTE:

- **All writing assignments have to be uploaded to D2L. Please use WORD DOCUMENTS for all written assignments, and please include your full name in the name of the file.**
- **For each 24 hours that an assignment is late, one point will be deducted. Please reach out to the instructor prior to the due date to arrange accommodations if appropriate. Any assignment that is not submitted will be graded at zero points.**

GRADING SCALE

A+ (97-100%), **A** (92-96%), **A-** (86-91%)

B+ (81-85%), **B** (76-80%), **B-** (71-75%)

C+ (67-70%), **C** (62-66%), **C-** (58-61%)

D+ (54-57%), **D** (50-53%), **F** (0-49%)

INTEGRITY AND CONDUCT

All members of the University community have a responsibility to familiarize themselves with the Statement on Principles of Conduct, and to comply with the University of Calgary Code of Conduct and Non-Academic Misconduct policy and procedures (available at: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>).

Academic misconduct

Academic Misconduct refers to student behavior which compromises proper assessment of a student's academic activities and includes: cheating; fabrication; falsification; plagiarism; unauthorized assistance; failure to comply with an instructor's expectations regarding conduct required of students completing academic assessments in their courses; and failure to comply with exam regulations applied by the Registrar.



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For information on the Student Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedure please visit: <https://ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-academic-misconduct-policy.pdf>, and
<https://ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-academic-misconduct-procedure.pdf>

Additional information is available on the Academic Integrity Website at <https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning/academic-integrity>

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY (FOIP) ACT

Graded assignments will be retained by the Department for three months and subsequently sent for confidential shredding. Final examinations will be kept for one calendar year and subsequently sent for confidential shredding. Said material is exclusively available to the student and to the department staff requiring to examine it. Please see <https://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/foip> for complete information on the disclosure of personal records.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures listed below. The student accommodation policy can be found at: <https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/access/prospective-students/academic-accommodations>.

Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities (<https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/procedure-for-accommodations-for-students-with-disabilities.pdf>.)

Students needing an Accommodation in relation to their coursework or to fulfil requirements for a graduate degree, based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to their Instructor or the Department Head/Dean or to the designated contact person in their Faculty.

FACULTY OF ARTS PROGRAM ADVISING AND STUDENT INFORMATION RESOURCES

Have a question, but not sure where to start?

The Arts Students' Centre is the overall headquarters for undergraduate programs in the Faculty of Arts. The key objective of this office is to connect students with whatever academic assistance they may require.

In addition to housing the Associate Dean (Undergraduate Programs and Student Affairs) and the Associate Dean (Teaching, Learning & Student Engagement), the Arts Students' Centre is the specific home to:

- Program advising
- Co-op Education Program
- Arts and Science Honours Academy
- Student Help Desk

Location: Social Sciences Room 102

Phone: 403-220-3580

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Website: arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate.



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For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Block.

Contacts for the Students' Union Representative for the Faculty of Arts: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca.

INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Devices such as laptops, palmtops and smartbooks are allowed provided that they are used exclusively for instructional purposes and do not cause disruption to the instructor and to fellow students. Cellular telephones, blackberries and other mobile communication tools are not permitted and must be switched off.

SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

Links to information that is not course-specific related to student wellness and safety resources can be found on the Office of the Registrar's website: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines>.