

NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
GER 251 - GERMAN CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION I (3 CR.)

Course Description

Students are introduced to selected aspects of German culture, including history, politics, literature, philosophy, art, and music. Classes are conducted in English. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

This course introduces the student to the intellectual and cultural achievements of Germany and the German-speaking countries. It is recommended for students interested in History, the German language, and area studies.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

None

Course Objectives

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- Understand and discuss topics related to the German experience at a level beyond that of the average lay person
- Understand and be able to explain the role of Germany in the formation of the modern nation-state

Major Topics To Be Covered

- The history of modern Germany: World War II and the politics of culture
- German literature: Goethe, Thomas Mann, Herman Hesse & Gunter Grass
- The German philosophical tradition: Hegel, Marx and Nietzsche
- German art: Expressionism and contemporary art
- German music: Works of selected composers including Beethoven, Mahler, Wagner, and Stockhausen