WESTERN UNIVERSITY

Department of Modern Languages & Literatures

GERMAN 3305/001 - ADVANCED GERMAN

2020-21

Section 001, M. Adamson, M/W 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Instructor: Melitta Adamson (melitta@uwo.ca)

Speak and write more fluently, express yourself more idiomatically and with greater precision. Take your German to the next level while gaining new insights into the culture and history of the German-speaking countries. This content-based course will be taught almost entirely in German. Students will get plenty of practice speaking, reading and writing German in a small class setting. Explore cultural topics through authentic readings, films, websites, literature, and music, and learn about life in the German-speaking countries. The course also includes a grammar review and prepares students to master the more challenging points of German grammar.

Course Aims:

- To further improve students' communication skills
- To read some more challenging texts in German
- To help students write more smoothly and correctly
- To review some challenging aspects of German grammar
- To put everything into the context of German culture

Learning Outcomes:

It is expected that, upon completion of this course, students will be able to do the following:

- Speak and write in a more nuanced way and with greater precision
- Find it much easier to read sophisticated authentic texts
- Master some difficult aspects of German grammar
- Demonstrate an understanding of many concepts of intercultural communication

FORMAT: Online, 2-4 hours of synchronous instruction on Zoom plus asynchronous work online.

REQUIRED TEXT (available in one package):

Augustyn and Euba, Stationen, 4rd Edition

Loose-leaf binder ready book plus MindTap Card

German 3305 (001) Schedule for 2020 2021

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IMPORTANT DATES: (Subject to minor changes)

Fall 2020

Sept. 9-21 Station 1 Sept. 23 - Oct. 5 Station 2

Oct. 7 TEST 1

Oct. 7 – 21 Station 3 (Oct. 12: Thanksgiving: no classes)

Oct. 26 – Nov. 11 Station 4

Nov. 2-6 Fall Reading Week: no classes

Nov. 16 TEST 2 Nov. 16 – 25 Station 5 Nov. 30 – Dec. 9 Station 6

Dec. 9 Composition written in class. Last class this term

Winter 2021

 Jan. 4 – 13
 Station 7

 Jan. 18
 TEST 3

 Jan. 18 – 27
 Station 8

Feb. 1 - 10 Station 9

Feb. 16 – 19 Winter Reading Week: no classes

Feb. 22 – Mar. 3 Station 10

Mar. 8 TEST 4
Mar. 8 – 17 Station 11
Mar. 22 – 31 Station 12

March 31 Oral Assessment

April 5 Last class

⁻Each student will give three oral presentations, two in the fall and one in the winter term. Presentation schedules will be provided later.

⁻Appointments for the oral assessment will be made at the end of the year.

⁻The final exam will be scheduled during the regular exam period in April.