

Name	Introduction to German Literature
Code	GRU11021
Semester	Semester 1
ECTS credits	5
Pre-requisite	None
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Module Content

This module introduces students to the study of German literature as an end in itself, as a means of gaining cultural knowledge of the German-speaking lands, and as a resource for improving linguistic competence. Students will read a rich and varied selection of German-language literary texts.

Aims

This module aims to develop reading skills in a range of literary text types; to introduce students to the terms and concepts of literary criticism; to build up general and specialist vocabulary.¹

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

- read literary texts independently and comfortably in German²
- offer nuanced and alert critical responses to German literary texts
- demonstrate understanding of a range of -critical and theoretical approaches to the study of literature
- use literary texts as a source of linguistic and cultural knowledge
- identify key characteristics of different literary genres
- write critical essays in which primary and secondary material is handled correctly

Assessment

Essay (25%)

2 hour exam: (75%)



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