

German

Module descriptors for Inbound Students.

Name	German Cultural History I
Code	GRU22131
Semester	1
ECTS credits	5
Pre-requisite	None
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Module Content

This module explores the extraordinarily rich cultural and intellectual history of the German-speaking lands. Taking a thematic rather than chronological approach, we will explore a rich array of ideas and texts that helped shaped the modern world in the most profound ways.

This lecture-only course, which can be taken either as a standalone module or as the first of two Cultural History modules, will focus chiefly on the 18th and 19th century.

It aims to increase students' background knowledge and cultural competence in respect of the cultural-historical development of the German-speaking world. Epochs and topics covered include the Reformation and Counter-Reformation, the Enlightenment, German Romanticism and the idea of Bildung, Cultural and Political Nationalism.

Aims

This module aims to increase students' background knowledge and cultural competence in respect of the cultural-historical development of the German-speaking world and how it has shaped today's mentalities and societies.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. discuss in detail aspects of the cultural history of the German-speaking world.
2. describe how this cultural history has shaped modern society in and beyond the German-speaking world.

3. process the acquired knowledge and apply this critically to specific cultural-historical materials.

Assessment

Textual commentary of 1500 words, due in week 12, the week after teaching finishes.