

German

Module descriptors for Inbound Students.

Name	German Cultural History II
Code	GRU22132
Semester	2
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 second of two Cultural History modules, will focus chiefly on the first half of the 20th 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 Militarism, Industrialization, Imperial Germany, Modernism, Nazi Germany, the Two World Wars.

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.