

Course:

**GERMN 4420 Modern German Literature**

4 hours

Departments/Programs:

Modern Languages

Modern German Literature provides students with a survey of representative short prose, a novel and excerpts, plays and excerpts and poetry from the fin de siècle through WWI, WWII exile writers, postwar literature, from both GDR/BRD and works since the reunification to the end of the twentieth century. While the bulk of the writers we cover are from Germany, there are representative works by Austrian and Swiss writers as well. We will explore the relevance of this literature in its historical context as well as discuss themes and analyze symbolism present in the texts.

*Prerequisite(s): GERMN 2020 German: Stage IV or permission of the instructor*