

GERMN 4620 German Media

4 hours

Departments/Programs:

Modern Languages

This dual-level (ACTFL High Intermediate/Advanced Low) German oral skills development course uses as its context contemporary themes that appear in the various media outlets in German-speaking countries. Students will develop their skills, vocabulary and confidence to comprehend, summarize, discuss and analyze native German newspaper and magazine articles, as well as radio and TV reports. Common themes include "Europe" and the European Union, the economic, political, and social circumstances and culture/Culture in these countries, but other themes arise in the course of any given semester. In addition to news items chosen by the instructor, students will read and select items of interest to present and discuss with classmates. This course also provides students with the opportunity to compare German language treatment of local and international themes with that found in U.S. media outlets. The language of instruction is German, with differentiated assignment lengths and expectations by level.

Prerequisite(s): GERMN-2020 or permission of the instructor.