

SCHOOL OF MODERN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

GRMN3119. Overseas immersion language course – German (6 credits)

Description

This course provides an opportunity to study German and to experience linguistic and cultural immersion in a partner institution located in a German-speaking country. The course usually takes place in the summer months (e.g., June, July and/or August) (courses may also be offered in the winter break) and the duration of the stay may vary from two weeks to one month, but must include at least 60 hours of formal class tuition. Students typically take part in this course after the completion of their second year of language studies at HKU. The course is designed to build on and to reinforce the language competence acquired during the previous years of study as well as to prepare the participants for more advanced work in the final years of the programme.

Aims and objectives

The aims and objectives of this course are as follows: i. to expand the participants' proficiency in all aspects of the language; ii. to offer a first-hand cultural and linguistic experience of the environment where the language is spoken; iii. to better prepare the participants for more advanced work upon their return.

Course learning outcomes

- Apply a range of skills and strategies aiming at improving effectiveness of interaction and communication in the language.
- Demonstrate renewed confidence in handling the written and spoken language through the acquisition of new vocabulary items and structures.
- Show evidence of enhanced intercultural awareness and global perspective acquired through first-hand experience and engagement in an overseas German speaking environment.

Prerequisites

GRMN2002. German II.2

Conditions of eligibility

- *Before completing the course overseas*

In order to be granted credits for this course, participants are requested to check with the teacher in charge prior to their enrolment and departure whether the course they have chosen is suitable for the purpose. They have to ensure that the course builds on their previous work done at HKU and is offered at the A2 level or above of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFRL).

- *After completing the course overseas*

In order to be admitted to **GRMN3119**, applicants must provide, upon the completion of the course in the host institution, the following information:

1. A formal statement of attendance and certified transcript bearing mention of the final grade(s) obtained from the host institution, as well as the level attained according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFRL) if applicable;
2. Provide a portfolio comprising the following items
 - i. a learning journal written in German of approximately 1000 words relating to daily class activities and,
 - ii. samples of assessments (written assignments, tests, examinations, projects etc.) along with evaluation results.

Grading

The grade obtained by the applicant at the host institution will be weighted and converted according to HKU grading and assessment standards.

Procedure and deadline

The completed application form and relevant documentation must be handed in at the SMLC General Office (Rm 501, Run Run Shaw Tower, Centennial Campus) or soft-copy via email to cycherry@hku.hk by the following deadlines. Please save the files with your full name and UID.

1st-semester enrolment: by 5 PM, September 7, 2023

2nd-semester enrolment: by 5 PM, January 19, 2024

If you will participate in the exchange programme for a full year or in the second semester of 2023-24, you are also required to submit your application form and supporting document by 5 PM, January 19, 2024. The School Office will keep your application until you return from the exchange and enroll in GRMN3119 in 2024-25.

Note: The summer or winter course must be taken in 2023. Late application is not accepted.