

Montgomery County Community College
 GER111
 The World of Germany and German Speaking Countries
 3-3-0

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Taught entirely in English and open to all students, this course offers a modern-day perspective of Germany and the social and cultural forces which shaped Germany's image. The student will become acquainted with a land of contrasts which has emerged from chaos to become Europe's most dynamic force. A number of authentic documents will supplement lectures and class discussions.

REQUISITES:

Previous Course Requirements

None

Concurrent Course Requirements

None

LEARNING OUTCOMES Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
1. Compare German life in the past and present.	Complete exercises using electronic media Read authentic texts Listen to authentic media	Performance Written homework Written quizzes, tests, and exams
2. Compare Germany to other German speaking countries in Europe.	Complete exercises using electronic media	Performance Written homework Written quizzes, tests, and exams
3. Identify the cultural, political, and social diversity of Germany and its neighboring German speaking countries in the context of history.	Watch and/or read and/or listen to authentic media Participate in discussion Create wikis	Performance Written homework

LEARNING OUTCOMES	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
4. Explain and discuss the complexity of human diversity by contrasting the various cultures of German speaking countries in the context of history.	Write a paper about a German speaking city or area in which you discuss its connections to the cultural, social and political impact on the world	Student Paper

At the conclusion of each semester/session, assessment of the learning outcomes will be completed by course faculty using the listed evaluation method(s). Aggregated results will be submitted to the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. The benchmark for each learning outcome is that *70% of students will meet or exceed outcome criteria*.

SEQUENCE OF TOPICS:

1. Course Introduction
2. Germany's role in World War II: destruction and rehabilitation
3. Problems of moral responsibility and national guilt facing Germany of today.
4. Forces which shaped the post-war economy of Eastern and Western Germany as well as of Austria and Switzerland
5. Eastern Germany vs. Western Germany: Family, work, education.
5. The German unification
6. The role of Germany in the European Union
7. The cultural diversity of German speaking countries: stereotypes and reality
8. Structure and organization of the German government
9. Social benefits in German speaking countries
- 10: The relation between Germany's economic strength, the character of Germans, and the German language

WRITING AND READING

1. Noting important information
2. Using internet sites for research
3. Writing a paper using critical thinking skills
4. Applying cultural knowledge

APPLICATION OF CULTURAL FACTS

1. The cultural, social, and political analysis of German history
2. Analyzing the cultural diversity of Germany, Austria, and Switzerland
3. Politics in German speaking countries.

LEARNING MATERIALS:

Use of a series of open content learning materials. Additional materials may be required and made available directly to the student and/or via the College's Libraries and/or course management system.

COURSE APPROVAL:

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This course is consistent with Montgomery County Community College's mission. It was developed, approved and will be delivered in full compliance with the policies and procedures established by the College.