

First year modules

In the first year, you will gain an introduction to the main areas of German Studies through the following modules:

- Practical Language I
- German Linguistics Past and Present
- Texts in Context
- Modern Germany: History and its Images
- Politik und Wirtschaft

All these modules are weighted at 20 credits. In addition, you choose a Module Outside the Main Discipline from a wide range of subject areas across the University.

German Practical Language I

Various tutors
20 credits - core module

The Year 1 advanced German language module aims to help you to make progress on four important areas of language competence:

- German grammar is taught in small groups and deals systematically with areas of German grammar and usage with which advanced learners have difficulty;
- 'Sprachpraxis' provides training in vocabulary building, textual analysis, oral and written comprehension, and pronunciation;
- 'Textarbeit' offers a systematic introduction to reading, analysing and producing texts in German;
- 'Introduction to Language Studies' provides an introduction to modern linguistic concepts, focusing on the structures of German and English.

The module is taught over three contact hours per week. Grammar, Sprachpraxis and Textarbeit are all taught in small groups of 10-15 students, giving you plenty of opportunities to practise your spoken German and to ask questions.

Assessment: combination of coursework and end-of-year written and oral exams.

Outlines of German Literature: Texts in Context

Professor Bill Dodd and others
20 credits - core module

This weekly lecture and tutorial introduces you to a wide range of writers and texts, mainly from the twentieth century. The first semester cover shorter texts from the 'Stunde Null' in 1945 to the present day. In the second semester, you read fewer and longer texts from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The weekly small-group tutorials help you to develop your skills of analysis and discussion, and your essay-writing skills.

Assessment: combination of coursework and an end-of-year exam.

Modern Germany: History and its Images

Dr Joanne Sayner and others
20 credits - core module

Do you know why gymnastics clubs were hotbeds of revolutionary ferment in Germany in the nineteenth century? Did you realise that Germans needed wheelbarrows full of money to buy a loaf of bread during the Weimar Republic? Have you ever wondered why no one stopped the building of the Berlin Wall? Taught as a combination of lectures and small-group seminars, this course provides an introduction to modern German history from 1815 to 1990. It uses images and films to bring history to life and to think about the way German history has been written. Want to know more already and to see images and sounds from the recent (and not so recent) past? Why not take a look at [LeMO \(http://www.dhm.de/lemo/home.html\)](http://www.dhm.de/lemo/home.html)



Assessment: combination of coursework and an end-of-year exam

German Linguistics Past and Present

Mr Robert Evans, Professor Bill Dodd
20 credits - core module

German Linguistics Past provides an introduction to the early history of the German language, starting around 5000BC when the parent language of most of the modern languages of Europe and India, namely Proto-Indo-European, was a living language. The course then traces the development from Indo-European of the Germanic family of languages during the last two thousand years BC, a period when, believe it or not, English and German were indistinguishable from each other, until the emergence in the eighth and ninth centuries AD of a clearly identifiable High German language, the earliest ancestor of today's New High German. German Linguistics Present introduces key concepts of modern linguistics, including corpus linguistics, and the main areas of sociolinguistics, applied to the contemporary German language.

Assessment: two coursework essays.

Politik und Wirtschaft

Ms Dorothee Sachse
20 credits - core module

Are you interested in German economics and businesses? How does politics and the economy affect the work of single businesses? How do German businesses work? How well known are German products and companies worldwide? What is important to know when working with German businesses? Whilst working in German as a team we will find the answers to these and all the other questions you might have and give your spoken and written German a massive boost.

Assessment: four assessed pieces of coursework.

Module outside the Main Discipline (MOMD)

20 credits - core module

A Module outside the Main Discipline (MOMD) allows our Single Honours students to develop their knowledge of a subject other than German. MOMDs can be taken in Years One and Two of the programme. A very wide range of subjects is offered, from Economics to Education, Modern Languages to History, Political Science to English. There are dozens of modules on offer. You could learn a new language, such as Spanish, Russian, Italian, improve your knowledge of International Relations, or learn about African culture or society, English literature or Film Studies.

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