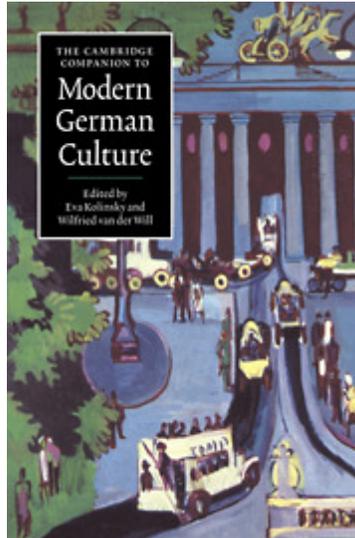


GER150H S: GERMAN CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION



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Text

The Cambridge Companion to Modern German Culture, Ed. Eva Kolinsky and Wilfried van der Will, 2004
ISBN-10: 0521568706

The text is available at the Victoria University Bookstore, 91 Charles Street West.

Course Description

GER 150H is a German culture and civilization course taught in English. It focuses on German cultural history from the Middle Ages and the Reformation to the post-unification era of the 21st century. While emphasizing the broad development of

German civilization since 1500, the curriculum includes excursions into popular culture, literature, social history, art, music, modern media and technology. The guiding pedagogical principles behind the course aim at intertwining German intellectual history and culture studies on the basis of discussion, conversation, and composition activities, including book and film reviews, and biographical and Internet exhibits. The methodology of the course involves a chronological and historical framework, and aims at developing critical thinking, reading, and interpretation strategies. Based on thought-provoking texts and visuals, the course offers a diverse view of German life based on reading selections from literary works, memoirs, newspaper reports, commentaries, and interdisciplinary materials which highlight important cultural movements.

Syllabus

In order to advance cultural interpretation and comprehension skills, the course's curriculum integrates cultural interpretations with historical and critical inquiries. A detailed curriculum table will outline the various units and homework assignments for each of the 12 weeks.

Grading Scheme

15% Attendance and participation
20% Two response papers
10% Quizzes
10% Presentation
15% Midterm
30% Final

Academic Integrity Statement

Academic integrity is defined as the pursuit of scholarly activity in an open, honest and responsible manner. All students should act with personal integrity, respect other students' dignity, rights and property, and help create and maintain an environment in which all can succeed through the fruits of their efforts. Dishonesty of any kind will not be tolerated in this course.

Dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarizing, fabricating information or citations, facilitating acts of academic dishonesty by others, having unauthorized possession of examinations, submitting work of another person or work previously used without informing the instructor, or tampering with the academic work of other students. Students who are found to be dishonest will be academically sanctioned. Please refer to the academic calendar for more information.

Disability Access

Qualified people with disabilities are encouraged to participate in all programs and activities, and the policy that all people shall have equal access to programs, facilities, and admissions without regard to personal characteristics not related to ability, performance, or qualifications will be enforced. Please tell me as soon as possible if you anticipate needing any type of accommodation in this course or have questions about physical access.