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The University of Toronto
Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures

GERMAN CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION

GER 150H / Winter 2012 / M and W 1-3 / Location TBA

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Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, Berlin Street Scene (1913)

Course Description

GER 150 is a German culture and civilization course taught in English and designed for students who want to familiarize themselves with historical and cultural developments which have shaped Germany. The course focuses on German cultural history from the Medieval 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. Drawing on thought-provoking texts and visuals, GER 150 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.

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Evaluation of Course Work (Final Grade)

Attendance and participation:	15%
Quizzes:	15%
Presentation:	10%
Written Assignment:	30%
Final:	30%

Required texts

Eva Kolinsky and Wilfried van der Will (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Modern German Culture*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004. Additional materials will be provided throughout the course.

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