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The University of Toronto  
**Intermediate German**  
GER 300Y1Y, 2013/14

Instructors: TBA

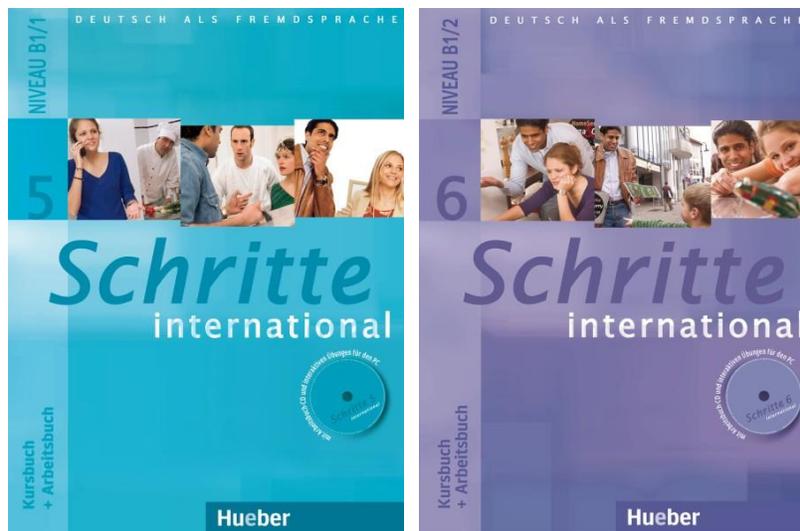
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Literatures

Classes meet on

**MW at 10-12, TR at 12-2, MW at 6-8**



## DESCRIPTION AND COURSE GOALS

Building on materials introduced in GER 100Y1Y and GER 200Y1Y, this language course is designed to provide students with a deeper understanding of German by developing communicative proficiency in all four language skills. Emphasis is upon effective oral and written expression, aural and reading comprehension, and in-depth reviews as well as expansions of grammatical structures.

Class periods are devoted primarily to communicative and interactive exercises. Conducted entirely in German, GER 300Y1Y provides students with real communication experiences, factual information is a central component of the course material. Throughout the course, grammar is embedded in culturally relevant contexts. Readings, videos, projects, and class presentations explore historical, social, political, and popular topics with the goal to deepen the understanding of German-speaking countries.

***Herzlich Willkommen und viel Erfolg!***

## REQUIREMENTS

4 Chapter Tests	50%
Oral Exam (first semester)	5%
Creative Group Project (second semester)	15%
10 Quizzes (5 per semester)	15%
Preparation, Attendance and Active Class Participation	15%

## MATERIAL

*Schritte International* has been specially developed for teaching in non-German-speaking countries. Target groups are adults and young adult learners throughout the world at elementary levels (A1–B1). Two volumes of the six-volume series lead up to levels A1, A2, and B1 respectively. Each of the six stages is composed of a Course book-Work book combination including an Audio-CD/CD-ROM with listening material and interactive practice for use with a PC. The material will be available at the **University of Toronto Book Store** (214 College Street).

Fall semester:

Gottstein-Schramm, Barbara, Kalender, Susanne, Kerner, Marion, Hilpert, Silke, Orth-Chambah, Jutta, Specht, Franz, Krämer-Kienle, Isabel, Reimann, Monika, Schürmann, Anja and Dr. Dörte Weers. Schritte International 5 - B1/1. Munich: Hueber, 2011. **ISBN 3-19-001855-3**

Winter semester:

Gottstein-Schramm, Barbara, Kalender, Susanne, Kerner, Marion, Hilpert, Silke, Specht, Franz, Krämer-Kienle, Isabel, Schürmann, Anja and Anne Robert. Schritte International 6 - B1/2. Munich: Hueber, 2011. **ISBN 3-19-001856-1**

## ORAL EXAM

Each student is expected to engage in a discussion with the instructor at the end of the first semester. Sufficient class time will be devoted to prepare for this exam which will be graded for general ability to hold a conversation about a set topic (short article about contemporary issues in the German-speaking societies, picture, quotation, etc.), competence and fluency in everyday situations as well the use of acquired vocabulary. Exact times will be arranged with the course instructor.

## CREATIVE PROJECT

The class involves a semester-long group project which facilitates a playful and creative approach to German culture and language. It consists of various stages of learning about the genre of sitcom and soap opera and practicing writing strategies, creating dramatic characters within a specific situation and writing, rehearsing and presenting a scene to the class. Detailed guidelines will be provided in class.

## ATTENDANCE

The Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures allows each student a maximum of four unexcused absences (i.e. four hours) per semester. For each subsequent unexcused absence, a student will incur a 10% penalty off the class participation and attendance grade of the course. If a student misses more than 25% of one or any semester (i.e. more than 12 hours) unexcused, the entire course will count as failed with a final grade of 0%. An excused absence is defined as one that has been validated in writing by a physician, surgeon, nurse practitioner, dentist, and clinical psychologist, or a person of authority, e.g. college registrar. Absenteeism inherently has indirect bearing upon all other aspects of the grade weighting. Test material and

homework assignments are based on tasks, activities and information integrated into class time instruction.

## **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, using online translators, or tampering with the academic work of other students. Students who are found to be dishonest will receive academic sanctions and will be reported to the University's Judicial Affairs office for possible further disciplinary sanction. Please visit <http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/policies/behaveac.htm> for additional information on the code of behavior on academic matters.

## **DISABILITY ACCESS**

The department encourages qualified people with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities and is committed to 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 as determined by university policy or by provincial or federal authorities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation in this course or have questions about physical access, the classrooms as well as course materials, please contact Accessibility Services and visit <http://studentlife.utoronto.ca/accessibility> or [disability.services@utoronto.ca](mailto:disability.services@utoronto.ca) as soon as possible.

## **TENTATIVE COURSE CALENDAR**

### **Fall 2013**

Week 1/2:	Glück im Alltag
Week 3/4:	Unterhaltung
Week 5/6:	Fit bleiben
Week 7/8:	Sprachen
Week 9/10:	Beruf, Job und Praktikum
Week 11:	Kundenwünsche
Week 12:	Rund ums Wohnen

### **Winter 2013**

Week 1/2:	Unter Freunden
Week 3/4:	Technik im Alltag
Week 5/6:	Rund ums Produkt
Week 7/8:	Mit Menschen
Week 9/10:	Rat und Hilfe
Week 11:	Aus Politik und Geschichte
Week 12:	Zu Hause in der Welt