

The University of Toronto
Weimar Culture and Beyond
German 323H / Spring 2014

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HANNAH HÖCH, 1919

DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVES

The course offers an introduction to the culture of the Weimar Republic (1918-1933). A time of social and political turmoil and economic uncertainty bounded by the end of the First World War and the transfer of power to Hitler, the Weimar Republic is also associated with an explosion of activity in theatre, painting, literature, cinema, and the other arts. On the basis of close readings across a variety of genres, we will consider key cultural, social, and political moments of the period and their legacy today.

The course is also designed to improve German language skills in reading, writing, and speaking.

REQUIREMENTS / EVALUATION

Class participation/preparation	10 %
Quizzes	20 %
Short assignments	20 %
Presentation	10 %
Term essay	40 %

COURSE MATERIALS

Available via BlackBoard and course packet/handouts.