

The University of Toronto

## READING GERMAN FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

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*My philological studies have satisfied me that a gifted person ought to learn English (barring spelling and pronouncing) in thirty hours, French in thirty days, and German in thirty years. (Mark Twain)*

### DESCRIPTION

This intensive course is designed for graduate students from the Humanities who dare to challenge Twain's dictum. Using the grammar-translation method, it develops proficiency in reading German texts and helps students prepare for departmental reading examinations in less than thirty years. Individual sessions consist of going over passages in the textbook, discussing assigned translations, and addressing general questions. Regular attendance is mandatory, assignments are due before each class, quizzes will be written at the beginning of the session. After completing the course, students will be able to handle a broad variety of texts in single modern Standard German using a dictionary; analyze and understand German sentence structure, basic grammar and word formation; pronounce German words correctly. The course is conducted in English and focuses exclusively on reading and translating German, i.e. participants do not learn how to speak or write in German; it is not intended for MA or PhD students in German.

### MATERIALS



Students are required to purchase April Wilson's ***German Quickly: A Grammar for Reading German*** 7<sup>th</sup> ed. (2007, ISBN: 978-0820467597) and a German-English dictionary. I recommend to invest in a large, unabridged dictionary like the **Collins** 8<sup>th</sup> ed. (2013, ISBN 978-0007510832) or the **Oxford** 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (2008, ISBN: 978-0199545681). Additional texts will be posted on Blackboard; students are required to print them out and to bring them to class.

### EVALUATION

Homework Assignments	25%	<i>weekly; due beginning of each session</i>
Three Short Quizzes	15%	<i>10-15 min; sessions 3, 5, 9</i>
Vocabulary Assignment	15%	<i>fifty relevant terms, due session 11</i>
Midterm Examination	15%	<i>50 min in class; session 6</i>
Final Examination	30%	<i>100 min in class; session 12</i>

Note: Participants are assigned a **CR/NCR** grade (final average of 70%+ required for credit). It is up to the individual department to determine whether this mark satisfies their German language requirement.