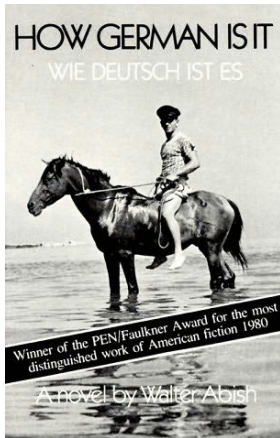


The University of Toronto
GERMAN CULTURE & CIVILIZATION
German 150H / Winter 2015

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Class meets on **M 4-6** at **AH 400** / (Tutorials: T 5-6, W 4-5, W 5-6)

“HOW GERMAN IS IT?”



This course is for students who are pretty unfamiliar with German culture, and the goal is, simply put, to familiarize you with it. To do so, we'll be highlighting various aspects of modern Germany: historical and cultural developments, poets and thinkers, radicals and liberals, scientists, artists and film stars, soccer players – and not to forget the *Otto Normalverbraucher* (i.e. the common man) who don't make it into the headlines on a daily basis. What clichés abound about 'Germany,' how do we challenge them and take a look behind the façades? Will we find there anything more 'real'? What is it about the Germans? Why are they hated? Why loved (Are they loved?) Or more to the point: Why is it so difficult to feel indifferent towards them? These are some of the questions we'll be tackling this semester. The course puts you into the position of a culture detective whose task it is to explore in groups and on your own: You embark on a 12-week mission, you collect evidence and reach conclusion. (Don't take the analogy too far: There is no corpse! In fact, Germany is quite alive & kicking these days!) The course consists of lectures, viewing and discussing of film clips, group works and brief group presentations. In addition there is a one-hour tutorial each week.

REQUIREMENTS / EVALUATION

Active Participation (Tutorials)	20%
In-Class Tests (weeks 4 & 10)	20%
Written Assignments (weeks 6 & 12)	25%
Final Examination (final exam period)	35%

Attendance: The course is attendance-based. You are required to attend regularly & punctually both the course & the tutorial. You may miss 1 session & 1 tutorial only without valid excuse; for each additional absence (class or tutorial) 5% will be taken off your final grade (i.e. missing class & tutorial one week will result in a 10% deduction).

MATERIALS

Texts will be made available in form of pdf-files. There will be four out-of-class movie screenings (R 6-8; dates tba). If you cannot make it to them, you are required to obtain or to purchase the films and watch them on your own time in preparation of the class/tutorial.