GERMANIC AND SLAVIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES (GSLL)

GSLL 50. First-Year Seminar: Literary Fantasy and Historical Reality. 3 Credits.
The intersection of literary fantasy with historical reality considered in two ways: (1) fantastic-looking tales based on historical reality; and (2) stories describing fantastic situations that actually came true. Previously offered as GERM 50.
Gen Ed: LA, CI, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 51. First-Year Seminar: Stalin and Hitler: Historical Issues in Cultural and Other Perspectives. 3 Credits.
Critical issues that dominated the 20th century: WWI and Bolshevik Revolution; rise of fascism, Lenin, Stalin, Hitler and their roles; origins and evolution of Cold War; collapse of Eastern Bloc. Previously offered as GERM 51.
Gen Ed: HS, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 53. First-Year Seminar: Early Germanic Culture: Myth, Magic, Murder, and Mayhem. 3 Credits.
Introduction to pre-Christian culture of Germany, Anglo-Saxon England, and Scandinavia from the late Roman Empire through the Viking Age, as preserved in myths, sagas, charms, inscriptions, and historical documents. Previously offered as GERM 53.
Gen Ed: HS, NA, WB.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 54. First-Year Seminar: Once upon a Fairy Tale: Fairy Tales and Childhood, Then and Now. 3 Credits.
Fairy tales from different national traditions and historical periods read through various critical lenses, against a backdrop of changing historical conceptions of the child. Works from Grimm, Anderson, Brontë, Disney, etc. Students may not receive credit for both GSLL 54 and GERM 279/CMPL 279. Previously offered as GERM 54.
Gen Ed: LA, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 55. First-Year Seminar: Fantasies of Rome: Gladiators, Senators, Soothsayers, and Caesars. 3 Credits.
Introduces students to study of humanities by examining how the idea of Rome evolved through poetry, history, philosophy, opera, even forgery into a concept that has long outlasted the Romans. Previously offered as GERM 55.
Gen Ed: HS, CI, WB.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 56. First-Year Seminar: Germans, Jews, and the History of Anti-Semitism. 3 Credits.
This course seeks to explore the historically difficult position of minorities in the modern world, using the situation of Jews in Germany from the 18th century to the Holocaust as a case study. Previously offered as GERM 56.
Gen Ed: HS, CI, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: JWST 56.

GSLL 58. First-Year Seminar: Love in the Middle Ages. 3 Credits.
Examines development of notion of love from antiquity through Middle Ages to today. Discusses marriage, adultery, violence, power, gender roles. Introduces the study of humanities through reading, analysis, and research. Previously offered as GERM 58.
Gen Ed: HS, CI, WB.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 59. First-Year Seminar: Moscow 1937: Dictatorships and Their Defenders. 3 Credits.
Stalinist Soviet Union serves as a case study to examine how dictatorships develop and how they tend to be enveloped in justifications and kept in existence by outside observers. Previously offered as GERM 59.
Gen Ed: HS, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 60. First-Year Seminar: Avant-Garde Cinema: History, Themes, Textures. 3 Credits.
Students explore the international history, filmic techniques and cultural meanings of non-narrative cinema of the 20th century. Students also transform in-class discussions and individual essays into video projects. Previously offered as GERM 60.
Gen Ed: VP.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 63. First-Year Seminar: Performing America. 3 Credits.
The intersection of performance in a theater space and in everyday life will serve as a springboard to investigating the diversity of contemporary America. Examines how race, class, religion, sexuality, sexual orientation, history, and death are performed in America today. Previously offered as GERM 63.
Gen Ed: VP.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 65. First-Year Seminar: German Heroes? Knights, Tricksters, and Magicians. 3 Credits.
This course seeks to explore literary heroes in European literature from the Middle Ages to the Enlightenment. We will discuss concepts of heroism and how those ideas have changed over time. Previously offered as GERM 65.
Gen Ed: LA, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 67. First-Year Seminar: Blackness in the European Imaginary, Europe in the Black Imaginary. 3 Credits.
This seminar deals with how encounters between Europe and the African Diaspora have changed notions of race, nation, identity, and belonging in the 20th century. Through engaging with diverse texts—literary, nonliterary, and visual—we will explore the construction of blackness in various national and historical contexts. Previously offered as GERM 67.
Gen Ed: GL, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 68. First-Year Seminar: Intensity, Vitality, Ecstasy: Affects in Literature, Film, and Philosophy. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on three powerful affective states that challenge the conception of humans as autonomous, independent beings: intensity, vitality, and ecstasy. We will examine both philosophical and artistic representations of these particular states, focusing on the way in which they both endanger and enrich our experience of the world. Previously offered as GERM 68.
Gen Ed: PH, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.
GSLL 68H. First-Year Seminar: Intensity, Vitality, Ecstasy: Affects in Literature, Film, and Philosophy. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on three powerful affective states that challenge the conception of humans as autonomous, independent beings: intensity, vitality, and ecstasy. We will examine both philosophical and artistic representations of these particular states, focusing on the way in which they both endanger and enrich our experience of the world.
Gen Ed: PH, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 69. First-Year Seminar: Laughing and Crying at the Movies: Film and Experience. 3 Credits.
Why is it that we cry at the movies? We will focus on the melodrama but also look at comedy and horror to think about emotional responses to films. Students will learn the basics of film analysis, gain an overview of genre cinema, and study approaches to emotion, affect, and the body.
Gen Ed: VP.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 70. First-Year Seminar: Teenage Kicks: Race, Class, and Gender in Postwar Youth Cultures. 3 Credits.
This seminar investigates youth cultures from the 1940s to the present in the United States and around the world. It offers students a history of how different youth cultures developed over time, and consideration of how the constitution of youth cultures has been influenced by factors like race, class, and gender.
Gen Ed: LA, EE-Mentored Research, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 75. First-Year Seminar: The Book of Books: Literature and the Bible. 3 Credits.
This seminar examines the influence the Bible had on great works of Western literature and traces this powerful literary tradition through different cultures and historical periods. Readings and discussions in English.
Gen Ed: LA, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 78. First-Year Seminar: Doctor Stories. 3 Credits.
Explores and reflects on the experience and significance of being a doctor in Russia and the United States, analyzing "doctors' stories" presented in fiction, nonfiction, film, and other media. Previously offered as SLAV 82.
Gen Ed: LA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 81. First-Year Seminar: Metaphor and the Body. 3 Credits.
All human beings inhabit a physical body, with inherent oppositions of inside/outside, up/down, and left/right. This course examines bodily experience as the wellspring of meaning. Previously offered as SLAV 81.
Gen Ed: LA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 82. First-Year Seminar: Doctor Stories. 3 Credits.
Explores and reflects on the experience and significance of being a doctor in Russia and the United States, analyzing "doctors' stories" presented in fiction, nonfiction, film, and other media. Previously offered as SLAV 82.
Gen Ed: LA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 84. First-Year Seminar: Terror for the People: Terrorism in Russian Literature and History. 3 Credits.
Terror was used as a political weapon in 19th-century Russia. This seminar introduces the terrorists through their own writings and fictional representations in novels by Fyodor Dostoevsky and Joseph Conrad. Previously offered as SLAV 84.
Gen Ed: LA, BN, CI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 85. First-Year Seminar: Children and War. 3 Credits.
Readings for this seminar include children's wartime diaries, adult memoirs of child survivors, and fiction from Central and Eastern Europe. Previously offered as SLAV 85.
Gen Ed: LA, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 87. First-Year Seminar: Literature Confronting Totalitarianism. 3 Credits.
What is totalitarianism? Can a portrayal of suffering, even death, under a totalitarian state, have artistic value, or must it remain only a political pamphlet? This seminar studies authors who reveal the crimes of totalitarianism, while also showing the moral strength and/or weaknesses of humans victimized by the totalitarian state.
Gen Ed: LA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 88H. First-Year Seminar: Gender and Fiction in Central and Eastern Europe. 3 Credits.
An introduction to the region, this course examines the role of gender in central and east European literature from the end of the 19th century to contemporary times. Course materials include novels, films, historical readings, and essays. Readings and class discussions in English. Previously offered as SLAV 88H.
Gen Ed: LA, BN.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 89. First-Year Seminar: Special Topics in Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures. 3 Credits.
Special topics course. Content will vary each semester.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit; may be repeated in the same term for different topics; 6 total credits. 2 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 218. Christianity and Islam in the Middle Ages. 3 Credits.
This course draws on a variety of cultural documents to explore both the conflict and cross fertilization between the Christian and Islamic cultures of the Middle Ages. Readings and discussions in English. Previously offered as GERM 218.
Gen Ed: HS, GL, WB.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: RELI 218.

GSLL 225. Popular and Pious: Early Modern Jewish Literature. 3 Credits.
This seminar covers popular and pious literature written by and for Jews in the 15th to 18th century in German-speaking countries. Originally written in Old Yiddish, this literature preserved the popular European genres and nonfiction accounts of Jewish community and family life. Previously offered as GERM 225.
Gen Ed: LA, NA, WB.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: JWST 225.

GSLL 246. Reality and Its Discontents: Kant to Kafka. 3 Credits.
An examination of "reality," as defined and redefined by Kant and his successors, in the context of European culture of the late 18th, 19th, and early 20th centuries. Readings and discussions in English. Previously offered as GERM 246.
Gen Ed: PH, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.
GSLL 251. Ideology and Aesthetics: Marxism and Literature. 3 Credits.
Examines clash between 20th-century writers and the state in countries where a single government or party used an exclusive ideology as justification for interference in cultural and literary affairs. Discussions and texts in English. Previously offered as GERM 251.
Gen Ed: HS, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 252. South Africa in Literary Perspective. 3 Credits.
Course aims at an understanding of the South African experience as represented by that country's important writers. Readings include works by Gordimer, Coetzee, Mphahlele, Breytenbach, Fugard, Ndebele, Paton, la Guma. All materials in English. Previously offered as GERM 252.
Gen Ed: LA, BN.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 254. The Division of Germany, Reunification, and Conflict with Russia. 3 Credits.
Why was occupied Germany divided into two states after World War II? Were the Cold War and division inevitable? We explore these questions in two chronological contexts: 1945-1949 and 1989-present, with emphasis on the reemergence of Western conflict with Putin's Russia. Readings and discussions in English. Previously offered as GERM 254.
Gen Ed: HS, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 254H. The Division of Germany, Reunification, and Conflict with Russia. 3 Credits.
Why was occupied Germany divided into two states after World War II? Were the Cold War and division inevitable? We explore these questions in two chronological contexts: 1945-1949 and 1989-present, with emphasis on the reemergence of Western conflict with Putin's Russia. Readings and discussions in English. Previously offered as GERM 254.
Gen Ed: HS, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 255. Germany and Cold War: Occupation, Division, Reunification, Renewed Conflict with Russia (1945-Today). 3 Credits.
This course investigates the central role played by the "German question" in the break-up of the wartime alliance, the emergence of East-West political blocs, the subsequent dissolution of the USSR, and the return to new Russian-Western antagonisms. Readings and discussions in English. Previously offered as GERM 255.
Gen Ed: HS, GL, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 256. From Berlin to Budapest: Literature, Film, and Culture of Central Europe. 3 Credits.
Central Europe, at the center of dramatic historical changes--WWI, emergence of independent nation states, WWII and Holocaust, Communism and its end, incorporation into the European Union--produced unprecedented cultural results. The creative voices of writers and filmmakers have relevance far beyond this region.
Gen Ed: LA, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 257. Vampires and Empires. 3 Credits.
An examination of the vampire in the visual and verbal cultures of Central and Eastern Europe, and the popular adaptation of "vampirism" in the West. All materials and discussions in English. Previously offered as HUNG 271.
Gen Ed: BN.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 258. Music, Image, Text. 3 Credits.
This course examines the relationship between text, music, and the visual arts, focusing on the way in which nonliterary aesthetic content may both mediate and call into question cultural values.
Gen Ed: VP, CI.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 259. The Dialectic of Whiteness and Blackness in Atlantic Cultures. 3 Credits.
Traces the invention of race, racism, and discourses of cultural inferiority/superiority throughout Western culture. What historical events created the necessity for racist thinking? How did colonialism and transatlantic migration change Atlantic cultures? Why did black culture become fashionable? Is the 21st century "post-racial"? Readings and course descriptions in English.
Gen Ed: GL, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 270. German Culture and the Jewish Question. 3 Credits.
A study of the role of Jews and the "Jewish question" in German culture from 1750 to the Holocaust and beyond. Discussions and texts (literary, political, theological) in English. Previously offered as GERM 270.
Gen Ed: HS, GL, NA.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: CMPL 270, JWST 239, RELI 239.
GSLL 285. Dissent and Protest in Central Europe. 3 Credits.
This course examines cultures of dissent and protest in Central Europe, including student protests of the 1960s and the fall of Communism in 1989. Materials include literature, film, music, theatre, and popular culture from Czechoslovakia, East Germany, West Germany, Hungary, and Poland. Readings and discussions in English.
Gen Ed: HS, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 306. Language and Nationalism. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on language, identity, and nationalism in contemporary societies, with special emphasis on Europe, Africa, Asia, and the United States. Previously offered as SLAV 306.
Gen Ed: CI, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: LING 306.

GSLL 467. Language and Political Identity. 3 Credits.
This course examines the roles of language policy and linguistic controversies in determining national identity and fueling political polarization. It focuses primarily on Western and Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Previously offered as SLAV 467.
Gen Ed: BN, CI.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: PWAD 467.

GSLL 475. Magical Realism: Central European Literature in a Global Context. 3 Credits.
This course studies magical realism in Central European literature and film by placing it in a global literary/cinema context. Readings and discussions in English.
Gen Ed: LA, GL.
Grading status: Letter grade

GSLL 480. Interrogating Cultures of Fascism: Introduction to Frankfurt School's Critical Theory 1923-Present. 3 Credits.
This research-intensive seminar for advanced undergraduates covers the history of the Frankfurt School as well as the scope of its theory for contemporary social, political, and cultural analysis. Taught in English; some readings in German for qualified students.
Gen Ed: PH.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 490. Topics in Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures. 3 Credits.
Examines selected themes in the history, culture, society, art, and/or literature of Germanic and Slavic/East European countries.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit; may be repeated in the same term for different topics; 12 total credits. 4 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 496. Independent Readings in Germanic and Slavic/East European Studies. 1-3 Credits.
Special readings and research in a selected field or topic related to Germanic and Slavic/East European Studies, under the direction of a faculty member.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit. 12 total credits. 4 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 560. Reading Other Cultures: Issues in Literary Translation. 3 Credits.
Permission of the instructor. Reading knowledge of a language other than English recommended. Starting from the proposition that cultural literacy would be impossible without reliance on translations, this course addresses fundamental issues in the practice, art, and politics of literary translation. Previously offered as SLAV 560.
Grading status: Letter grade
Same as: CMPL 560.

GSLL 683. Moving-Image Avant-gardes and Experimentalism. 3 Credits.
History and theory of international avant-garde and experimentalist movements in film, video, intermedia, multimedia, and digital formats. Content and focus may vary from semester to semester. Previously offered as GERM 683.
Requisites: Prerequisite, ARTH 159, COMM 140, or ENGL 142; permission of the instructor for students lacking the prerequisite.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit; may be repeated in the same term for different topics; 12 total credits. 4 total completions.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 691H. Honors Course. 3 Credits.
Permission of the director of undergraduate studies. For majors only.
Reading and special studies under the direction of a faculty member.
Gen Ed: EE-Mentored Research.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 692H. Honors Course. 3 Credits.
Permission of the director of undergraduate studies. For majors only.
Reading and preparation of an essay under the direction of a faculty member, designed to lead to the completion of the honors thesis.
Gen Ed: EE-Mentored Research.
Grading status: Letter grade.

GSLL 693H. Honors Seminar. 3 Credits.
Permission of the director of undergraduate studies. For majors only.
Introduction to research techniques and preparation of an essay, designed to lead to the completion of the honors thesis.
Gen Ed: EE-Mentored Research.
Grading status: Letter grade.