

German 215 – Fall 2014
German Culture in Context – Literature and Film

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Course Description

This course is designed to improve your German language skills in the areas of reading, writing, listening and speaking at the intermediate level. It is supposed to help you with the transition to more advanced coursework. Throughout this semester you will also increase your knowledge of literature, film, history and the diversity of culture in German-speaking countries. Grammar concepts will be reviewed as well and we are going to have an online “Tandem” exchange via Skype with German students at the University of Greifswald.

Course Objectives

The primary emphasis is on increasing your reading/listening knowledge, expanding your vocabulary, and improving your writing skills. In addition, we will use the textbook *Kaleidoskop* and other resources such as videos, Internet links, and music. Through watching films, reading selected texts, using relevant Internet resources, and participating in class discussions, you will become more familiar with modern German culture, and apply this in writing assignments and strategies of argumentation. The Tandem program will familiarize you with every-day conversations in German with native speakers.

Class Materials

Kaleidoskop. Kultur, Literatur und Grammatik, 8th Edition, Boston and New York: Houghton Mifflin, 2012.

Films

Margarethe von Trotta: *Das Versprechen* (1995)
Fatih Akin: *Im Juli* (2000)
Hans Weingartner: *Die fetten Jahre sind vorbei* (2004)

Additional materials will be provided by the instructor.

Requirements and Grading

- 2 essays, 2 drafts each (2-3 pages, double-spaced) **(30%)**
- 1 final essay (3 pages, double-spaced) **(15%)**
- Oral Exam at the end of the semester **(10%)**
- Vocab Quizzes **(10%)**

- Active participation in class discussion. Unexcused absences will result in a lowering of your semester grade. Please notify me ahead of time if you know that you have to miss class. **(15%)**
- Tandem Project: You will have Skype conversations with students in Germany in German and English. **(10%)**
- Written Homework Assignments: Short response papers and grammar exercises. If you miss class (which you are highly discouraged from doing), it is your responsibility to obtain a copy of the homework assignment from the instructor, or from a classmate. **(10%)**

Letter Grades

A	93-100	B	83-86	C	73-76	D	63-66
A-	90-92	B-	80-82	C-	70-72	D-	60-62
B+	87-89	C+	77-79	D+	67-69	F	0-59

Plagiarism and cheating will be handled according to the Student Code outlined in the current Student Handbook and in the statement on Academic Honesty at Moravian College.

Students who wish to request accommodations in this class for a disability must contact Ms. Elaine Mara, assistant director of academic support services for academic and disability support, at the lower level of Monocacy Hall, or by calling 610-861-1401. Accommodations cannot be provided until authorization is received from the Academic Support Center.

Vorläufiger Arbeitsplan (Tentative schedule of assignments)

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Datum	Hausaufgaben (homework to complete before coming to class on that day)	Im Unterricht (in class)
Mittwoch, 27. August		Einführung Review Syllabus and Course Requirements
Freitag, 29. August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesen Sie: Kaleidoskop, Kapitel 1, S. 3-10 	Kaleidoskop , Kapitel 1
Mittwoch, 3. September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesen Sie: Kaleidoskop, Kapitel 1, S. 11-18 	Kaleidoskop , Kapitel 1

Freitag, 5. September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesen Sie: Kaleidoskop, Kapitel 1, S. 19-23 • Response Paper 	Kaleidoskop , Kapitel 1
Mittwoch, 10. September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesen Sie: Kaleidoskop, Kapitel 2, S. 24-37 	Kaleidoskop , Kapitel 2
Freitag, 12. September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesen Sie: Kaleidoskop, Kapitel 2-3, S. 38-39, 49-57 	Kaleidoskop , Kapitel 2-3
Mittwoch, 17. September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesen Sie: Kaleidoskop, Kapitel 3, S. 58-62, 71 • Film: <i>Das Versprechen</i> 	Kaleidoskop , Kapitel 3 Film besprechen
Freitag, 19. September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesen Sie: Kaleidoskop, Kapitel 4, S. 74-82 	Kaleidoskop , Kapitel 3
Mittwoch, 24. September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesen Sie: Kaleidoskop, Kapitel 4, S. 84-88 	Kaleidoskop , Kapitel 3
Freitag, 26. September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesen Sie: Kaleidoskop, Kapitel 4, S. 89-95 	Kaleidoskop , Kapitel 4
Mittwoch, 1. Oktober	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesen Sie: Kaleidoskop, Kapitel 4, S. 96-104 • Aufsatz 1 vor der Klasse fällig 	Kaleidoskop , Kapitel 4
Freitag, 3. Oktober	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesen Sie: Kaleidoskop, Kapitel 4, S. 105-109 	Kaleidoskop , Kapitel 4
Mittwoch, 8. Oktober	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesen Sie: Kaleidoskop, Kapitel 5, S. 110-117 	Kaleidoskop , Kapitel 5
Freitag, 10. Oktober	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesen Sie: Kaleidoskop, Kapitel 5, S. 118-127 	Kaleidoskop , Kapitel 5
Mittwoch, 15. Oktober	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesen Sie: Kaleidoskop, Kapitel 6, S. 128-133 	Kaleidoskop , Kapitel 6
Freitag, 17. Oktober	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesen Sie: Kaleidoskop, Kapitel 6, S. 134-139 	Kaleidoskop , Kapitel 6
Mittwoch, 22. Oktober	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesen Sie: Kaleidoskop, Kapitel 7, S. 140-149 • Skype-Gespräch mit Tandem-Partnern in Greifswald (Datum kann sich ändern) 	Kaleidoskop , Kapitel 7

Freitag, 24. Oktober	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesen Sie: Kaleidoskop, Kapitel 7, S. 150-159 	Kaleidoskop , Kapitel 7
Mittwoch, 29. Oktober	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesen Sie: Kaleidoskop, Kapitel 7, S. 160-171 • Film: <i>Im Juli</i> 	Kaleidoskop , Kapitel 7 Film besprechen
Freitag, 31. Oktober	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesen Sie: Kaleidoskop, Kapitel 8, S. 172-181 	Kaleidoskop , Kapitel 7
Mittwoch, 5. November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesen Sie: Kaleidoskop, Kapitel 8, S. 182-191 • Aufsatz 2 vor der Klasse fällig 	Kaleidoskop , Kapitel 8
Freitag, 7. November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesen Sie: Kaleidoskop, Kapitel 8, S. 192-201 	Kaleidoskop , Kapitel 8
Mittwoch, 12. November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesen Sie: Kaleidoskop, Kapitel 9, S. 202-210 	Kaleidoskop , Kapitel 9
Freitag, 14. November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesen Sie: Kaleidoskop, Kapitel 9, S. 211-217 	Kaleidoskop , Kapitel 9
Mittwoch, 19. November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesen Sie: Kaleidoskop, Kapitel 10, S. 218-225 	Kaleidoskop , Kapitel 10
Freitag, 21. November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesen Sie: Kaleidoskop, Kapitel 10, S. 222-229 	Kaleidoskop , Kapitel 10
Mittwoch, 3. Dezember	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesen Sie: Kaleidoskop, Kapitel 10, S. 230-234 • Film: <i>Die fetten Jahre sind vorbei</i> • Schlussaufsatz: Die 2. Fassung ist am Tag des Final Exams fällig: 9. Dezember, 1:30 PM als Email-Anhang 	Kaleidoskop , Kapitel 10 Film besprechen
Freitag, 5. Dezember	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vorbereitung auf das Oral Exam 	Oral Exam: 9. Dezember, 1:30 PM

Schöne Ferien!