

# The Germanic Languages Students' Union



## Introduction

The Germanic Languages Students' Union (GLSU) holds events for students who are taking GER courses. If you are interested in joining the GLSU, please come by the ASSU office - SS 1068.

Editor

## GER 100Y1Y INTRODUCTION TO GERMAN I

Instructor(s): G. Mecky

Enr: 23	Resp: 19							Retake: 83%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	5	0	5	26	47	15	5.6
Explains	0	5	0	5	26	47	15	5.6
Communicates	0	0	0	5	21	15	57	6.3
Teaching	0	0	5	0	10	42	42	6.2
Workload	11	5	0	66	16	0	0	3.7
Difficulty	5	11	0	66	11	5	0	3.8
Learn Exp	7	0	0	7	46	23	15	5.2

Mecky was a very good instructor. She made the course fun. However, students' experience was marred by the use of a poor textbook. It was simply a source of confusion for many, instead of a course of information. Mecky tried to compensate, however, by providing extra handouts and offering lots of assistance.

Instructor(s): M. Hager

Enr: 20	Resp: 18							Retake: 62%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	6	0	31	18	25	18	5.1
Explains	6	0	0	18	31	31	12	5.1
Communicates	0	0	0	0	12	50	37	6.2
Teaching	0	6	0	6	12	31	43	5.9
Workload	0	0	12	25	37	25	0	4.8
Difficulty	0	0	6	31	50	6	6	4.8
Learn Exp	0	7	0	38	38	7	7	4.6

Some commented it was an interesting course. A few said it was an unpleasant experience. The most frustrating component of the course was the textbook. It brought students more confusion than clarification.

Instructor(s): A. Guse

Enr: 22	Resp: 21							Retake: 65%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	10	5	20	25	20	15	5	4.1
Explains	10	5	15	35	20	5	10	4.1
Communicates	0	0	9	14	38	19	19	5.2
Teaching	5	5	15	20	45	5	5	4.3

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Workload	0	0	15	60	20	5	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	4	4	66	14	9	0	4.2
Learn Exp	5	17	5	41	11	11	5	3.9

Although Guse was friendly and always kind, some students felt intimidated in asking her questions. She was also a little disorganized, which made it difficult for students to follow. The textbook was a frustrating source of information - it was full of errors!

Instructor(s): M Hager

Enr: 11	Resp: 8							Retake: 37%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	12	25	25	37	0	4.9
Explains	0	0	0	42	28	28	0	4.9
Communicates	0	0	0	0	12	62	25	6.1
Teaching	0	0	14	28	14	28	14	5.0
Workload	0	0	12	50	37	0	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	37	50	12	0	0	3.8
Learn Exp	0	0	50	33	0	0	16	4.0

Hager was informative. He taught his students different perspectives on German culture. However, the textbook was completely deplorable. It was poorly organized and badly written.

Instructor(s): N. Pissowotzki

Enr: 7	Resp: 5							Retake: 25%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	25	50	25	6.0
Explains	0	0	0	0	40	60	0	5.6
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	6.5
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	80	20	6.2
Workload	0	0	0	25	25	50	0	5.2
Difficulty	0	0	0	60	40	0	0	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	40	60	0	0	0	3.6

Pissowotzki was a very good instructor. She was friendly and provided helpful comments about student's work. The textbook used was useless. It contained numerous typographical and grammar errors.

Instructor(s): M. Nusch; C. Koch

Enr: 21	Resp: 16							Retake: 87%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
<b>Nusch:</b>								
Presents	0	6	0	6	40	26	20	5.4
Explains	0	0	0	20	26	26	26	5.6
Communicates	0	0	0	6	6	46	40	6.2
Teaching	0	0	0	6	13	53	26	6.0
<b>Koch:</b>								
Presents	0	6	6	18	37	18	12	4.9
Explains	0	0	6	12	50	12	18	5.2
Communicates	0	0	0	6	12	43	37	6.1
Teaching	0	0	6	6	25	50	12	5.6
<b>Course:</b>								
Workload	0	0	0	46	26	20	6	4.9
Difficulty	0	0	6	60	20	6	6	4.5
Learn Exp	0	0	7	28	14	21	28	5.4

Both instructors were enthusiastic in teaching the course. They explained concepts clearly as well.

However, the textbook was awful. Students claimed they found grammatical errors in the book.

Instructor(s): M. Nusch

Enr: 34	Resp: 20							Retake: 73%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	10	40	30	20	5.6
Explains	0	0	0	10	35	25	30	5.8
Communicates	0	0	0	5	25	15	55	6.2

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Teaching	0	0	0	5	20	20	55	6.2
Workload	0	0	10	40	30	20	0	4.6
Difficulty	0	0	10	50	20	20	0	4.5
Learn Exp	0	0	20	13	33	20	13	4.9

Nusch was a very good teacher. She patiently listened to students' questions and answered them carefully. She was very approachable and friendly.

The students, however, were unhappy with the textbook used in the class. It was full of errors and was very confusing.

### GER 150H1F GERMAN CULTURAL STUDIES

Instructor(s): A. Guse

Enr: 29	Resp: 23							Retake: 52%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	4	4	21	34	30	4	5.0
Explains	4	4	4	26	39	17	4	4.6
Communicates	0	0	4	9	45	27	13	5.4
Teaching	0	4	0	30	34	17	13	5.0
Workload	0	8	39	47	0	4	0	3.5
Difficulty	0	17	26	52	4	0	0	3.4
Learn Exp	0	5	11	35	41	0	5	4.4

Students found the course material interesting but some felt the course covered too big a time frame. This sometimes made lectures seem vague and unfocused.

Assignments took a long time to be marked and were handed back with too few comments. Students also wished for a better textbook - the current one was used primarily for its pictures.

### GER 200Y1Y INTRODUCTORY GERMAN II

Instructor(s): D. McKenna

Enr: 13	Resp: 9							Retake: 77%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	11	22	66	0	0	4.6
Explains	0	0	11	44	33	11	0	4.4
Communicates	0	0	0	22	22	44	11	5.4
Teaching	0	0	33	33	11	22	0	4.2
Workload	0	0	11	22	33	22	11	5.0
Difficulty	0	0	0	66	33	0	0	4.3
Learn Exp	0	0	0	62	12	25	0	4.6

Students had mixed feelings about the course and instructor. Some remarked that she tried hard to be a good instructor by making herself available for help. Others felt, however, that she was intimidating so students didn't feel comfortable in asking her questions.

### GER 204H1F GERMAN LITERATURE IN TRANSLATION

Instructor(s): F. Seliger

Enr: 19	Resp: 158							Retake: 78%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	7	7	7	28	42	7	5.1
Explains	0	7	7	7	14	50	14	5.4
Communicates	0	0	7	7	0	46	38	6.0
Teaching	7	0	7	0	14	57	14	5.4
Workload	0	7	14	78	0	0	0	3.7
Difficulty	0	7	15	69	7	0	0	3.8
Learn Exp	9	9	0	0	27	36	18	5.1

Overall, students enjoyed having Seliger as an instructor. Students appreciated his enthusiasm and enjoyed his sense of humour. Most students found the class discussions informative and engaging.

### GER 232H1F GERMAN DRAMA IN TRANSLATION

Instructor(s): F. Seliger

Enr: 9	Resp: 6							Retake: 66%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	0	50	50	0	5.5

Explains	0	0	0	0	50	16	33	5.8
Communicates	0	0	0	0	33	50	16	5.8
Teaching	0	0	0	0	33	50	16	5.8
Workload	16	0	0	83	0	0	0	3.5
Difficulty	20	0	0	80	0	0	0	3.4
Learn Exp	0	0	0	40	0	40	20	5.4

### GER 260Y1Y ELEMENTARY YIDDISH

Instructor(s): G. Brumer

Enr: 8	Resp: 9							Retake: 88%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	33	0	11	55	0	4.9
Explains	0	0	11	22	11	22	33	5.4
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	44	55	6.6
Teaching	0	0	11	11	11	44	22	5.6
Workload	0	0	11	22	66	0	0	4.6
Difficulty	0	0	11	33	44	11	0	4.6
Learn Exp	0	0	14	28	42	14	0	4.6

Instructor(s): G. Brumer

Enr: 7	Resp: 7							Retake: 100%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	14	28	42	14	5.6
Explains	0	0	0	14	28	42	14	5.6
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	14	85	6.9
Teaching	0	0	0	0	16	50	33	6.2
Workload	0	0	0	71	28	0	0	4.3
Difficulty	0	0	0	57	42	0	0	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	0	33	16	50	0	5.2

Brumer was a very good teacher who gave her students a lot of encouragement and support. She provided a comfortable learning environment and was obviously enthusiastic about the material. She also used supplementary materials like music to convey the objectives of the course. It was truly a fun experience.

### GER 300Y1Y INTERMEDIATE GERMAN I

Instructor(s): A. Guse

Enr: 18	Resp: 13							Retake: 61%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	15	7	23	38	15	0	4.3
Explains	7	7	15	23	30	15	0	4.1
Communicates	7	0	23	0	46	23	0	4.5
Teaching	0	7	23	15	30	23	0	4.4
Workload	0	0	23	53	15	7	0	4.1
Difficulty	0	0	23	53	7	15	0	4.2
Learn Exp	0	22	11	11	33	22	0	4.2

Guse was a helpful instructor who provided extra help when students needed it. However, many students felt they did not learn new concepts. Most of the topics covered in the class were already dealt with in the previous level.

### GER 327H1S MADNESS AND LITERATURE

Instructor(s): J. Zilcosky

Enr: 14	Resp: 11							Retake: 100%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	0	10	60	30	6.2
Explains	0	0	0	0	30	50	20	5.9
Communicates	0	0	0	0	10	50	40	6.3
Teaching	0	0	0	0	10	40	50	6.4
Workload	0	0	0	11	55	33	0	5.2
Difficulty	0	0	0	30	60	10	0	4.8
Learn Exp	0	0	0	0	60	10	30	5.7

Zilcosky was awesome! He was very organized, insightful and always willing to help students. His knowledge of the material was tremendous, and he was able to share this with his students.

### GER 331H1F KAFKA IN CONTEXT

Instructor(s): J. Zilcosky

Enr: 15	Resp: 15							Retake: 86%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	20	33	46	6.3
Explains	0	0	0	6	6	26	60	6.4
Communicates	0	0	0	0	6	13	80	6.7
Teaching	0	0	0	0	6	53	40	6.3
Workload	0	0	0	13	66	13	6	5.1
Difficulty	0	0	0	20	53	26	0	5.1
Learn Exp	0	0	0	9	27	36	27	5.8

Students enjoyed pretty much all aspects of this course. The readings were valuable and interesting. Discussions were interesting and well-organized.

Zilcosky did a great job with the design of the course. He was very enthusiastic, encouraging and well-versed in the material.

### GER 334H1S WEIMAR CULTURE

Instructor(s): F. Seliger

Enr: 8	Resp: 7							Retake: 100%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	14	14	71	0	5.6
Explains	0	0	0	0	42	28	28	5.9
Communicates	0	0	0	0	14	57	28	6.1
Teaching	0	0	0	0	14	57	28	6.1
Workload	0	0	0	85	14	0	0	4.1
Difficulty	0	0	0	57	42	0	0	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	0	16	16	50	16	5.7

Seliger was a very good instructor who knew his material. Students enjoyed going to class because he was always insightful and enthusiastic.

### GER 362H1S SOVIET AND KOSHER: JEWISH CULTURE IN THE SOVIET UNION

Instructor(s): A. Shternshis

Enr: 5	Resp: 5							Retake: 100%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	20	40	40	6.2
Explains	0	0	0	0	25	50	25	6.0
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	40	60	6.6
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	6.5
Workload	0	0	0	60	0	20	20	5.0
Difficulty	0	0	0	60	20	0	20	4.8
Learn Exp	0	0	0	25	50	0	25	5.2

Students loved this course. The instructor was excellent - effective lecturer and very enthusiastic.

### GER 420H1F THE AGE OF GOETHE

Instructor(s): J. Noyes

Enr: 7	Resp: 6							Retake: 66%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	16	16	66	0	5.5
Explains	0	0	0	16	16	50	16	5.7
Communicates	0	0	0	0	33	50	16	5.8
Teaching	0	0	0	0	33	50	16	5.8
Workload	0	0	0	16	16	50	16	5.7
Difficulty	0	0	0	13	33	16	16	5.2
Learn Exp	0	0	0	20	0	40	40	6.0

Most students felt that the reading load was quite heavy at times. This did not leave a lot of time for indepth discussions on the material.

### GER 470H1S BUSINESS GERMAN II

Instructor(s): M. Hager

Enr: 21	Resp: 18							Retake: 88%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	16	38	44	6.3
Explains	0	0	0	0	5	33	61	6.6
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	27	72	6.7
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	33	66	6.7
Workload	0	0	11	55	22	11	0	4.3
Difficulty	0	0	11	61	11	16	0	4.3
Learn Exp	0	0	0	0	21	57	21	6.0

Students concurred that their experience in taking this course was fantastic. Hager was approachable, enthusiastic and very helpful.



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