

## Faculty of Arts and Letters



### GERM1312 German: advanced receptive skills I

[15h+15h exercises] 4 credits

This course is taught in the 1st semester

**Teacher(s):** Fabienne Vanoirbeek  
**Language:** German  
**Level:** First cycle

#### Aims

To acquire advanced skills in listening and reading (B2 level - Common European Framework of Reference for Languages ).  
 At the end of the course, the student will be able to:

- understand the main ideas of propositionally and linguistically complex speech on both everyday life and academic concrete, abstract, cultural and literary topics delivered in a standard language, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialization
- follow extended speech and complex lines of argument provided the topic is reasonably familiar, and the direction of the talk is sign-posted by explicit markers.
- follow the essentials of lectures, talks and reports and other forms of academic/professional/cultural/literary presentation which are propositionally and linguistically complex
- read with a large degree of independence, adapting style and speed of reading to different texts and purposes, and using appropriate reference sources selectively
- quickly identify the content and relevance of news items, articles and reports on a wide range of professional topics, deciding whether closer study is worthwhile
- scan longer texts in order to locate desired information, and gather information from different parts of a text, or from different texts in order to fulfil a specific task
- obtain information, ideas and opinions from highly specialized sources within his/her field
- understand specialized articles outside his/her field, provided he/she can use a dictionary occasionally to confirm his/her interpretation of terminology
- use a variety of strategies to achieve comprehension, including listening for main points; checking comprehension by using contextual clues.

#### Main themes

Listening and reading comprehension.

#### Content and teaching methods

##### Contents

To reach the aims defined for the course, the students will be presented with a large variety of written, spoken and audio-visual sources dealing with familiar (and less familiar) topics from everyday, social, cultural, academic, literary and/or vocational life.

##### Method

Lectures in auditorium (entire group). Presentation of reading and listening techniques. Advanced reading and listening exercises. Focus on language varieties. Testing of detailed understanding.

**Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)**

Written exam at the end of the academic year

**Other credits in programs**

<b>GERM12BA</b>	Deuxième année de bachelier en langues et littératures modernes, orientation germaniques	(4 credits)
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