

GE401-30 Modern German Language III

23/24

Department

School of Modern Languages and Cultures

Level

Undergraduate Level 3

Module leader

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Credit value

30

Module duration

21 weeks

Assessment

100% exam

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

This module will consolidate linguistic skills acquired in the intermediate year and extend them through translation, writing, reading, speaking and listening activities.

A range of assessments will be offered for students to track and reflect on their progress through the provision of regular feedback. Students will also be provided with complementary autonomous learning activities and directed to appropriate activities for self-study in order to develop independent learning strategies.

[Module web page](#)

Module aims

The aim of this module is to refine fluency in spoken and written German, working towards a C2 standard of the CEFR. Emphasis will be placed on sophisticated translation and writing, as well as oral and comprehension skills, using an appropriate range of complex linguistic structures, vocabulary, register and style. The module will be shaped around translation exercises and analysis, oral presentation and discussion, and sophisticated writing activities.

Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

N/A

Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- The acquisition of sophisticated skills in grammar, translation, writing and reading in German and the ability to apply complex syntax in various contexts.
- The acquisition of sophisticated skills of aural comprehension and oral communication over a wide range of topics, showing familiarity with different registers and styles
- Engagement in sophisticated discussion of socio-cultural and intercultural concepts / issues in the German context
- A systematic approach to proof reading with due attention to accuracy
- Highly proficient independent language-learning and research skills

International

All modules delivered in SMLC are necessarily international. Students engage with themes and ideas from a culture other than that of the UK and employ their linguistic skills in the analysis of primary materials from a non-Anglophone context. Students will also be encouraged to draw on the experiences of visiting exchange students in the classroom and will frequently engage with theoretical and critical frameworks from across the world.

Subject specific skills

This module will build students' linguistic skills through activities that stimulate authentic target language production and develop sensitivity to the transference of meaning across languages. Students will work towards the production of nuanced, accurate and contextually sensitive materials through a range of language classes and guided independent learning

Transferable skills

All SMLC culture modules demand critical and analytical engagement with artefacts from target-language cultures. In the course of independent study, class work and assessment students will develop the following skills: written and oral communication, creative and critical thinking, problem solving and analysis, time management and organisation, independent research in both English and their target language(s), intercultural understanding and the ability to mediate between languages and cultures, ICT literacy in both English and the target language(s), personal responsibility and the exercise of initiative.

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Seminars	60 sessions of 1 hour (25%)
Private study	180 hours (75%)
Total	240 hours

Private study description

N/A

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You do not need to pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Students can register for this module without taking any assessment.

Assessment group B1

	Weighting	Study time
Oral examination	25%	20 hours
A 20-minute oral examination, during which candidates introduce their chosen topic and discuss a topic from a list chosen by examiners.		
In-person Examination - Translation	37%	20 hours
A 2-hour examination + 15 minutes reading time, consisting of translation into and out of German.		

- Answerbook Green (8 page)

In-person Examination - Writing	38%	20 hours
A 2-hour examination + 15 minutes reading time, consisting of an essay in German.		

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Feedback on assessment

Feedback will be provided in the course of the module in a number of ways. Feedback should be understood to be both formal and informal and is not restricted to feedback on formal written work. Oral feedback will be provided by the module tutor in the course of seminar discussion. This may include feedback on points raised in small group work or in the course of individual presentations or larger group discussion.

Written feedback will be provided on formal assessment using the standard SMLC Assessed Work feedback form appropriate to the assessment. Feedback is intended to enable continuous improvement throughout the module and written feedback is generally the final stage of this feedback process. Feedback will always demonstrate areas of success and areas for future development, which can be applied to future assessment. Feedback will be both discipline-specific and focussed on key transferrable skills, enabling students to apply this feedback to their future professional lives. Feedback will be fair and reasonable and will be linked to the SMLC marking scheme appropriate to the module.

[Past exam papers for GE401](#)

Availability

Pre-requisites

N/A

Courses

This module is Core for:

- Year 4 of ULNA-QR37 Undergraduate English and German
- Year 4 of ULNA-RR14 Undergraduate French and German
- Year 4 of UGEA-R200 Undergraduate German Studies
- Year 4 of ULNA-R2Q2 Undergraduate German Studies with Linguistics
- Year 4 of UGEA-RN21 Undergraduate German and Business Studies
- Year 3 of ULNA-R2L5 Undergraduate German and Economics (3 year)
- Year 4 of ULNA-R2L4 Undergraduate German and Economics (4-year)
- Year 4 of UGEA-R2V1 Undergraduate German and History
- Year 4 of ULNA-R2Q3 Undergraduate German and Linguistics
- Year 4 of UGEA-RW24 Undergraduate German and Theatre Studies
- Year 3 of UGEA-RW25 Undergraduate German and Theatre Studies (3-year)
- Year 4 of ULNA-R2A0 Undergraduate German with Chinese
- Year 4 of UGEA-RP33 Undergraduate German with Film Studies
- Year 4 of ULNA-R2R4 Undergraduate German with Spanish
- Year 4 of ULNA-R4RG Undergraduate Hispanic Studies and German
- Year 4 of UFRA-R900 Undergraduate Modern Languages
- Year 4 of UPOA-M164 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and German
- Year 3 of UPOA-M16D Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and German (3 year degree)

This module is Core optional for:

- Year 4 of UETA-Q1A2 Undergraduate Linguistics with German (with Intercalated Year)
- Year 3 of ULNA-R902 Undergraduate Modern Language Studies
- Year 4 of UFRA-R900 Undergraduate Modern Languages
- Year 3 of UFRA-R903 Undergraduate Modern Languages (3 year)
- Year 3 of ULNA-R9LA Undergraduate Modern Languages and Economics (3-year)
- Year 4 of ULNA-R9L1 Undergraduate Modern Languages and Economics (4-year)

This module is Unusual option for:

- Year 4 of UCXA-Q821 Undergraduate Classical Civilisation with Study in Europe

This module is Core option list A for:

- Year 4 of ULNA-R9Q1 Undergraduate Modern Languages and Linguistics
- Year 3 of ULNA-R9QB Undergraduate Modern Languages with Linguistics (3 year)

This module is Core option list B for:

- Year 4 of ULNA-R9Q2 Undergraduate Modern Languages with Linguistics

This module is Unusual option for:

- Year 4 of ULNA-R1A2 Undergraduate French with German