Course Catalog - Spring 2015

Yiddish

Germanic Languages and Literatures
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Subjects associated with this department include: German (GER), Germanic (GMC), Scandinavian (SCAN), and Yiddish (YDSH).

YDSH 101  Beginning Yiddish I  credit: 4 hours.
Course develops basic conversational and reading skills as well as the essentials of Yiddish grammar.

YDSH 102  Beginning Yiddish II  credit: 4 hours.
Continuation of YDSH 101 focusing on comprehension and reading skills. Prerequisite: YDSH 101.

YDSH 103  Intermediate Yiddish I  credit: 4 hours.
Continuation of YDSH 102. Develops more advanced conversational, comprehension, reading and writing skills as well as introducing more advanced features of Yiddish grammar. Prerequisite: YDSH 102 or equivalent placement score.

YDSH 104  Intermediate Yiddish II  credit: 4 hours.
Continuation of YDSH 103. Prerequisite: YDSH 103 or equivalent placement score.

YDSH 220  Jewish Storytelling  credit: 3 hours.
Course will introduce the great Jewish storytellers such as Nachman of Bratslav, Scholem-Aleichem, and I.B. Singer through readings of Yiddish tales, short stories, poetry, drama and excerpts from novels and autobiographies from the 19th and 20th centuries. In addition, Yiddish films and folklore will be used to exemplify the variety of Jewish cultural expression in Eastern Europe, Russia, and America. Course will also present a sample of critical approaches to Yiddish literature. Taught in English translation. Same as CWL 221, ENGL 223, and RLST 220.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a:
UIUC: Literature and the Arts
UIUC: Western Compartv Cult

YDSH 320  Lit Responses to the Holocaust  credit: 3 hours.
Course introduces a variety of Jewish literary responses to the Holocaust written during and after the Second World War (from 1939). The discussion of Holocaust memoirs, diaries, novels, short stories, poems, and other texts will focus on the unique contribution of literary works to our understanding of the Holocaust. In addition, the works and their authors will be situated in their Jewish cultural historical context. Taught in English translation. Same as CWL 320, ENGL 359, and RLST 320.

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YDSH 420  Jewish Life-Writing  credit: 3 OR 4 hours.
Jewish life-writing from the late 18th century until today. Emphasis on cultural historical context, literary styles, and forms. All texts will be available in English translation. Same as CWL 421, HIST 436, RLST 420, and SLAV 420. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours.