

<p style="text-align: center;">American Junior Year at Heidelberg University (AJY) Total Immersion Summer Program in German & European Studies 2023</p>

Course Descriptions

GER 201, Intermediate German I

AJY Code: GER 201
Instructors: members of the faculty, International Study Center, Universität Heidelberg,
Hours: 5 hrs/day (45 contact hours over three weeks)
Credits: 3
Description: Students practice all four language skills, review grammar and work with vocabulary building exercises. Content is built around two weekly co-curricular excursions and site visits.
Basis of Grade: Several written tests. Daily homework assignments. Final exam.

GER 202, Intermediate German II

AJY Code: GER 202
Instructors: members of the faculty, International Study Center, Universität Heidelberg.
Hours: 5 hrs/day (45 contact hours over three weeks)
Credits: 3
Description: This course is a continuation of GER 201.
Basis of Grade: See GER 201

The two courses are taken back to back in six weeks, with students earning 6 credit hours for 90 contact hours. Ca. 80% of class time is spent inside the classroom, with the remaining 20% spent on faculty-led co-curricular excursions.

GER 301, Advanced German I

AJY Code: GER 301
Instructors: members of the faculty, International Study Center, Universität Heidelberg.
Hours: 5 hrs/day
Credits: 3
Description: Students practice all four language skills, review advanced grammar and work with vocabulary building exercises. Content is built around two weekly co-curricular excursions and site visits.
Basis of Grade: Several written tests. Daily homework assignments. Final exam.

GER 302, Advanced German II

AJY Code: GER 302
Instructors: Members of the faculty, International Study Center, Universität Heidelberg.
Hours: 5 hrs/day
Credits: 3
Description: This course is a continuation of GER 301.
Basis of Grade: See GER 301

The two courses are taken back to back in six weeks, with students earning 6 credit hours for 90 contact hours. Ca. 80% of class time is spent inside the classroom, with the remaining 20% spent on faculty-led co-curricular excursions.

German/ European Studies Seminar
Contemporary Controversies in German Culture

AJY Code: GER 307

Instructors: Members of the faculty, International Study Center, Universität Heidelberg.

Hours: 3 hrs/week plus mandatory attendance of cultural events, site visits
& a three-day study trip to Berlin.

Credits: 3

Description: This course is designed for advanced students of German language and culture who wish to further develop their German language skills and learn to debate the most central issues and controversies of contemporary affairs. In terms of content, we will delve into the political system and the 2021 federal election, debates about sustainability and climate protection, and the controversy surrounding Berlin's Humboldt Forum (which in turn has brought Germany's colonial past into focus), among other topics. We will also enrich the course with field trips and guests - for example, we will incorporate a visit to the Berlin Humboldt Forum into the course and talk to representatives of the parties' youth organizations about the election and the formation of the government. At the end of each module, after a thorough study of facts and arguments and sometimes artistic contributions (e.g. political satire, film), there will be a model debate in which all course participants will take on a role that they have specifically rehearsed. This course is also specifically about preparing for these debates by studying and practicing idioms, phrases, and grammatical structures that will be used both in the debate itself and in short presentations and essays.

Readings: Reading material will be provided.

Basis of Grade: Regular attendance, participation in discussions, presentations, 3 4-page essays.