



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Department of Central, Eastern & Northern European Studies
(CENES)

GERMAN LANGUAGE FOUNDATIONS

**GERN
101**

First-semester German

Previously GERM 100

Cultural topics include: Germanophone countries, new and classic films and music, German colonialism and ethnic diversity, The Holocaust / Shoah, gender and non-binary identities, Indigenous land acknowledgements in German. Book: Sag Mal, Chapters 1-3.

**GERN
102**

Second-Semester German

Previously GERM 110

Cultural topics include: Diverse foods, coffeehouses, multicultural holidays, fashion, history of flags, understanding the word "Heimat" / Homeland, diversity and diaspora, housing and living arrangements. Book, Sag Mal, Chapters 4-6.

Third-semester German

Previously GERM 200

Cultural topics include: Climate emergency, alternative modes of travel, fairy tales, German history, health care and wellness, technology and digital communication. Book: Sag Mal, Chapters 7-9.

Fourth-Semester German

Previously GERM 210

Cultural topics include: Professions and training, recycling and reuse, social safety nets, urban life, trades and skilled work, job applications and interviews, internships, nature and life outdoors. Book: Sag Mal, Chapter 10-12.

**GERN
201**

**GERN
202**

- No traditional, high-stakes tests or long, tedious, scary exams
- Focus on spoken language, using various video media for assessment and practice
- Portfolio-building helps you see how far you've come and what your own personal goals and horizons are
- Learning materials are interactive, easy to use, frequently online, multimedia, accessible, and focused on diverse real-world experiences

**How are you
marked (graded)?
What course
materials do we
use?**

**Learning
language is
about joy,
meaning &
community.**

Get to know German using a variety of learning strategies, in a low-stress environment. Develop your speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. Step by step, improve your ability to express your own ideas, and enjoy interacting with others meaningfully in real-life contexts. Explore diverse ethnic, social, gender, and regional experiences of today's Germanophone cultures, together with other students, in a small, friendly, and inclusive class.