

Centre for German Studies School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies

Syllabus¹ - Five-year integrated M.A. Programme in German Studies

About the Programme

The Centre for German Studies & Research offers a Five-year integrated M.A. Programme in German Studies. Candidates with 10+02-qualification are eligible for admission in the programme. After successful completion of six semesters the students are eligible for B.A. (Hons) degree in German and have an option of continuing with MA or choosing a career.

First two semesters of the programme focus exclusively on imparting knowledge of language through exercises in various language skills with the help of audio-visual materials. From third semester onwards a selection of literary texts and films is used to aid the language learning and also to familiarise students with the culture and history of the German-speaking countries. Courses on translation, linguistics and literature are taught in the 5th and 6th semester. Apart from these core courses consisting of 80 credits students are also required to attend optional courses from other centres worth 24 credits within first 6 semesters.

The courses are designed in accordance with The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). Students with B.A. (Hons) degree have completed B2 level of CERF, which makes them eligible as language teachers in schools and for jobs in various multinational companies e.g. Amazon, Deutsche Bank, Oracle, TCS, Concentrix, HP, Siemens etc.

In the final two years, the programme offers courses on a range of subjects like genres of literature, literary movements, and periods in history of literature, translation & interpretation, linguistics, didactics of German Language, the cultural and political history. In final semesters of the M.A. students are required to write a dissertation on an area of their choice, thereby providing a basis for an academic career.

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MONSOON SEMESTER (First Semester)

Course No.	Course Title	Course Code	Credits
GS 101	Communicative German I	1	4
	Level A1 (CEF)		
GS 102	Language in Writing I	1	4
	Level A1 (CEF		
GS 103	Culture and Society I	1	4
	Introduction to social and cultural movements from		
	1871-1914		
GS 104	Oral Expression I	1	4
	Level A1 (CEF		
Total Credits	5		16

WINTER SEMESTER (Second Semester)

Course No.	Course Title	Course Code	Credits
GS 151	Communicative German II	1	4
	Level A2 (CEF)		
GS 152	Language in Writing II	1	4
	Level A2 (CEF)		
GS 153	Culture and Society II	1	4
	Introduction to social and cultural movements from		
	1871-1914		
GS 154	Oral Expression II	1	4
	Level A2 (CEF)		
Total Credits	5		16



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MONSOON SEMESTER (Third Semester)

Course No.	Course Title	Course Code	Credits
GS 201	Communicative German III	1	4
	Level B1 (CEF)		
GS 202	Advanced Written Expression I	1	4
	Level B1 (CEF)		
GS 203	Introduction to the Study of Literature I	1	4
	A selection of literary texts such as poems and		
	shorter & longer narrative texts with focus on		
	cultural and social movements from 19 th century to		
	contemporary times. Literary texts will primarily		
	serve as tool for language learning.		
GS 204	Oral Expression III	1	2
	Level B1 (CEF)		
Total Credits	5		14

WINTER SEMESTER (fourth Semester)

Course No.	Course Title	Course Code	Credits
GS 251	Communicative German IV	1	4
	Level B2 (CEF)		
GS 252	Advanced Written Expression II	1	4
	Level B2 (CEF)		
GS 253	Introduction to the Study of Literature II	1	4
	A selection of literary texts such as poems and		
	shorter & longer narrative texts with focus on		
	cultural and social movements from 19 th century to		
	contemporary times. Literary texts will primarily		
	serve as tool for language learning. Level B2 (CEF)		
GS 254	Oral Expression IV	1	2
	Level B2 (CEF)		
Total Credits	5		14



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MONSOON SEMESTER (Fifth Semester)

Course No.	Course Title	Course Code	Credits
GS 301	Introduction to the Study of Literature III	1	4
	A selection of literary texts such as poems and		
	shorter & longer narrative texts with focus on		
	cultural and social movements from 19 th century to		
	contemporary times. Literary texts will primarily		
	serve as tool for advanced language learning. Level		
	B2.2 (CEF)		
GS 302	German for Specific Purpose	1	4
	Business German, German for Tourism,		
	Gastronomy, Media (Television, Internet,		
	Newspaper) Level B2.2 (CEF)		
GS 303	Introduction to Translation I	1	4
	Techniques of translation, practical translation		
	from German to English/Hindi and vice versa. Level		
	B2.2 (CEF)		
Total Credits	Total Credits		12

WINTER SEMESTER (Sixth Semester)

Course No.	Course Title	Course Code	Credits
GS 351	Introduction to the Study of Literature IV	1	4
	A selection of literary texts such as poems and		
	shorter & longer narrative texts with focus on		
	cultural and social movements from 19 th century to		
	contemporary times. Literary texts will primarily		
	serve as tool for advanced language learning. Level		
	C1 (CEF)		
GS 352	Introduction to Linguistics	1	4
	Basic introduction to German linguistics –		
	Phonemes, Morphemes, Semantics, Syntax,		
	Grammar Theories etc. Level C1 (CEF)		
GS 353	Introduction to Translation II	1	4
	Techniques of translation, practical translation		
	from German to English/Hindi and vice versa. Level		
	C1 (CEF)		
Total Credits	5		12



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Optional Courses:

The students have to choose 8 optional courses from the following 10 optional courses from other centres. Total number of credits from optional courses required is 24. Syllabi for optional courses will be framed by the respective centres.

Course No.	Course Title	Course Code	Credit
HLLO-01	Hindi I	2	3
HLLO-02	Hindi II	2	3
ESO-01	Introductory Course in English I	2	3
ESO-02	Introductory Course in English II	2	3
ESO-03	Introductory Course in English III	2	3
ESO-04	Introductory Course in English IV	2	3
ESO-05	Introductory Course in English V	2	3
CLTSO-01	Introductory Course in Social Awareness	2	3
CLTSO-01	Introductory Course in Cultural Studies	2	3
DSO-01	Introduction to Diaspora Studies	2	3



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MONSOON SEMESTER (Seventh Semester)

Course	Course Title	Course Code	Credit
No.			
	CORE COURSES		
GS 405	Literature – Shorter narrative forms	1	4
	This course focusses on study of shorter narrative		
	forms of literature such as Novelle, Erzählung,		
	Kurzgeschichte, Sage, Märchen, Fabeln,		
	journalistic writing etc.		
GS 406	Translation Studies I	1	4
	Introduction to translation studies as a discipline		
	and study of different translation theories		
	Translation – Non-fictional texts		
	Translation of non-fictional texts from German to		
	Hindi/English and vice versa.		
GS 412	Project – I: Engaging with Academic Writing I	4	2
	OPTIONAL COURSES – to choose any two of the fo	llowing	1
GS 407	Advanced Language Skills	2	4
	Report writing, Film reviews, business		
	correspondence etc		
GS 408	Linguistics and Stylistics	2	4
	Introduction to German Linguistics and technique		
	and problems of stylistics.		
GS 409	Study of an author I	2	4
	This course focusses on detailed study of an		
	author through reading of selection works.		
GS 410	Specialised study of literature I	2	4
	This course focusses on in depth study of a theme		
	or period in literary history.		
	Total Credits		18



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WINTER SEMESTER (Eighth Semester)

Course	Course Title	Course Code	Credit
No.			
	CORE COURSES		
GS 455	Novel as a Genre	1	4
	Selected Novels from the 18 th century till the		
	Contemporary Period.		
GS 456	Translation Studies II	1	4
	Introduction to translation studies as a discipline		
	and study of different translation theories		
	Translation of Micro-language texts		
	Translation of micro language texts from German		
	to Hindi/English and vice versa.		
GS 462	Project – II: Engaging with Academic Writing II	4	2
	OPTIONAL COURSES – to choose any two of the fo	llowing	
GS 457	Study of an author II	2	4
	This course focusses on detailed study of an		
	author through reading of selection works.		
GS 458	Specialised study of literature II	2	4
	This course focusses on in depth study of a theme		
	or period in literary history.		
GS 459	Cultural history of German speaking countries I	2	4
	This course focusses on social movements and		
	their influence on art and literature in the		
	German Speaking countries.		
GS 460	Comparative Literature	2	4
	Introduction to theoretical discussions as well as		
	methods of comparative literary studies.		
	Total Credits		18



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MONSOON SEMESTER (Ninth Semester)

Course No.	Course Title	Course	Credit
		Code	
	CORE COURSES		
GS 505	Drama as a Genre	1	4
	Selected Works from 18th century till the		
	Contemporary Period.		
GS 506	Didactics of Foreign Language Teaching	1	4
	The aim of the course is to analyse various		
	theories of foreign language teaching through		
	practical component		
GS 512	Project III: Research Methodology I	4	2
	OPTIONAL COURSES – to choose any two of the fo	llowing	
GS 508	Cultural history of German speaking countries II	2	4
	This course focusses on social movements and		
	their influence on art and literature in the German		
	Speaking countries.		
GS 509	India in German speaking world	2	4
	This course will analyse the different		
	constructions / representations of India in the		
	literature of German speaking countries.		
GS 510	Translation: Scientific and Business Texts	2	4
	This course focusses on translation of Scientific		
	and Business Texts		
GS 511	Modern European Philosophers	2	4
	Introduction to modern European philosophers of		
	post –Enlightenment era to Present.		
	Total Credits		18



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WINTER SEMESTER (Tenth Semester)

Course No.	Course Title	Course Code	Credit
	CORE COURSES		
GS 555	Poetry as a Genre (Compulsory optional)	1	4
	Selected Poems from the 18 th century till the		
	Contemporary Period.		
GS 556	Dissertation	1	4
GS 562	Project IV: Research Methodology II	4	2
	OPTIONAL COURSES – to choose any one of the following		
GS 558	Translation of Literary Texts	2	4
	Translation of literary texts from German to		
	Hindi/English and vice versa.		
GS 559	German Art History	2	4
	This course will familiarise students with the		
	important trends in the history of European art.		
GS 560	Film Studies (German Cinema)	2	4
	this course will introduce students to film as an		
	art form by looking at examples from German/		
	European cinema		
GS 561	Literary Theory and Criticism	2	4
	Aim of this course would be to introduce		
	students to different schools of thought in the		
	field of literary criticism: Positivism, Formalism		
	Structuralism and Critical Theory.		
	Total Credits		18