

Modern German Culture
German 380

MTWTFH 9:30-11:30

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Office: Same as the class in Bern, Switzerland

Office Hours: Every day from 2:30-3:30.

Required Readings

Gordon Craig, *The Triumph of Liberalism: Zürich in the Golden Age, 1830-1869*.

Lionel Gossman, *Basel in the Age of Burckhardt* (pages: 1-108).

Articles taken from the Swiss press.

Course Description

Since the course is being taught in Switzerland, we will focus on modern Swiss culture as a part of the German-speaking world.

This course aims at:

1. Giving students a basic idea about modern Swiss cultural history.
2. Continuing to build the students' ability to express themselves in German.

At the end of this course students should be familiar with basic Swiss history, its political system, and the major themes in its press. Every class session will consist of two hours: the first hour is devoted to the reading done in English but discussed in German. The second hour will be spent discussing the article picked from the German press.

Grading Policy

Midterm	35
Final	35
Presentations (10 points each)	20
Participation	10
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A: 90-100

B: 80-89

C: 70-79

D: 60-69

F: 59 and below

Week 1

Monday, June 2: Arrival in Bern

Tuesday, June 3: Craig: Chapter 1

Wednesday, June 4: Craig: Chapter 2

Thursday, June 5: Craig: Chapter 3

Friday, June 6: Craig: Chapter 4

Week 2

Monday, June 9: Craig: Chapter 5
Tuesday, June 10: Craig: Chapter 6
Wednesday, June 11: Craig: Chapter 7
Thursday, June 12: Craig: Chapter 8
Friday, June 13: Gossman: 1-20

Week 3

Monday, June 16: Gossman: 21-40
Tuesday, June 17: Gossman: 41-60
Wednesday, June 18: Gossman: 61-80
Thursday, June 19: Gossman: 81-108
Friday, June 20: Swiss press

Week 4

Monday, June 23: Swiss press
Tuesday, June 24: Swiss press
Wednesday, June 25: Swiss press
Thursday, June 26: Swiss press
Friday, June 27: Swiss press