

O GERMAN SEMINAR

This intermediate-advanced conversation course is conducted entirely in German. Each week's topic is introduced using authentic materials from a variety of sources. Reading selections provided to the class in advance of each session are chosen to challenge participants, to keep the class up-to-date with the latest trends in the German language and cultures, and to engage the entire group in lively discussions about current events and "hot topics". Brief explanations of idiomatic expressions, specialized vocabulary, pronunciation and grammar are incorporated into class discussions.

Broad areas explored during the semester include the following:

Science and technology

The arts

Society and modern life

Current and historical events

Health and well-being

Literature

EXAMPLES OF DISCUSSION TOPICS Spring 2023

What is "Berliner Schnauze"?

"Forgive me", a poignant short story by Hans Bender

Foreign minister Annalena Baerbock announces Germany's new feminist foreign policy
Germany promotes immigration through reforms to citizenship laws
Being Muslim in Germany – cemeteries have run out of space

Is the film industry in crisis?

Raising bilingual and multilingual children – a growing trend