

HS373 Readings from German History

Credit : 3-0-0-3

Approval: Approved in 3rd Senate

Students intended for: B.Tech.

Elective or Core: Elective

Prerequisite: Consent of the faculty member

Semester: Even/Odd

Common European Frame of Reference Norms (Level B 2)

Course objective

The course offers a broad survey of German history. It seeks to promote in the main advanced reading comprehension in German through a systematic study of carefully graded texts and (slightly abridged) original materials that deal with major landmarks in German history from 1806 to the present.

Course Content:

Select Reading Material on:

The Birth of the German Nation (1806 – 1848); Prussia and Austria 1848 – 1871; the Nation State; Empire and Colonial Ambitions (1890 – 1910); from World War I to the Weimar Republic (1914 – 1933); Nazi Germany (1933 – 1942); Finis Germaniae to the Basic Law (1942 – 1949); Divided Legacy (1949 – 1990); United Germany

Method of Evaluation

2 Quizzes (10 Marks each), Assignment (10 Marks), Attendance and Participation (10 Marks) and End of Semester Examination (50 Marks)

Prescribed Texts: Excerpts from:

Heinz Ludwig Arnold: Deutschland! Deutschland? Texte aus 500 Jahren von Martin Luther bis Günter Grass. Frankfurt a.M.: Fischer, 2002.

Hagen Schulze: Kleine deutsche Geschichte. Mit Bildern aus dem Deutschen Historischen Museum. Munich: Beck, 1996.

Select References

Karin Hermann: Reading German History. A German Reading Course for Beginners. Munich: Max Hueber, 1992.

Eberhard Jäckel: Das deutsche Jahrhundert. Eine historische Bilanz. Stuttgart: Deutsche Verlags-Anstalt, 1996.

Martin Kitchen: The Cambridge Illustrated History of Germany. Cambridge: CUP, 2000.

Klaus Schulz: Aus deutscher Vergangenheit. Ein geschichtlicher Überblick. Munich: Max Hueber, 1971.

Peter Watson: The German Genius. Europe's Third Renaissance, the Second Scientific Revolution and the Twentieth Century. New York: Harper Collins, 2010.