

## YIDDISH FOR GERMAN SPEAKERS

Jiddisch or Jüdisch? This 1-credit course exposes students to the variety of Germanic languages. Students with three semesters of German will attempt to answer why Swiss German is a dialect, but Dutch and Yiddish are languages. Why was Yiddish called "corrupted German" and "jargon" before WWI, but is now today its own language? What is the border between dialect and another language?

For an hour a week, students will discuss linguistic evolution and politics alongside learning to speak the German dialect / Germanic language known as Yiddish.

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