

Freud / Kafka

German Studies 380

Spring 2016, Mo/We 13.00 – 14:15
Modern Languages Bldg 219

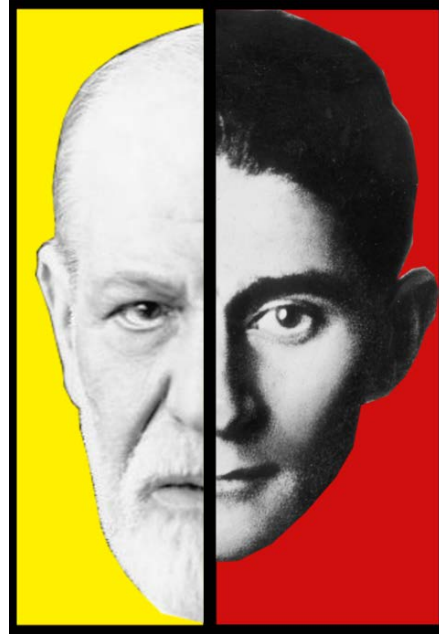
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Course Description

This course aims to improve German proficiency by exploring the canonical German figures Sigmund Freud and Franz Kafka. Our objective will be to analyze elements of the modern consciousness and psychoanalytical theory as it pertains to literary studies. The class discussion as well as texts are in German.

The readings will consist exclusively of short texts. We will enter the semester exploring Freud's vision of the unconsciousness with his case studies and dream interpretation, and then lead into the topic of literary psychoanalysis in Freud's own writing. Kafka's short stories will frame the second half of the semester. Our readings of Kafka will center on such topics as law and justice, family and solitude, humans and animals.

Students will be responsible for reading, grammar and vocabulary activities, and writing analytical response papers.

Learning Objectives

In this course students will acquire advanced German language skills by:

1. reading—sometimes out loud—and interpreting various texts written in German.
2. gaining a historical insight into the early-20th century Austro-Hungarian Empire.
3. writing on an academic level in dialogue with secondary literature.

5 Required books to purchase

1. Sigmund Freud, *Das große Lesebuch*. Ed., Cordelia Schmidt-Hellerau. Fischer: Frankfurt am Main, 2013. ISBN: 9783596901715.
2. E.T.A. Hoffmann, *Der Sandmann*. Paderborn: Schöningh im Westermann, 2004. ISBN: 9783140223560.
3. *Das Franz Kafka Lesebuch*. Eds., Jürg Amann and Winfried Stephan. Diogenes: Zürich, 2008. ISBN: 9783257237160.

Books carried over from 301:

4. Hilke Dreyer and Richard Schmitt, *A Practice Grammar of German*. Ismaning: Hueber, 2010. ISBN: 9783193272553
5. *Lehr- und Übungsbuch der deutschen Grammatik - Aktuell: Lösungsschlüssel*. Hueber, 2009. ISBN: 9783194072558

Noten

Die Gesamtnote für diesen Kurs ergibt sich wie folgt:

- 15% Teilnahme
- 35% Hausaufgaben
- 30% Vokabeltests
- 20% Projekte

Teilnahme

Mitarbeit

4 Punkte werden von der Teilnahme-Note herabgestuft, wenn ein Student keine auf Papier ausgedruckte Lektüre in den Unterricht bringt. Eine elektronische Version von der Lektüre ist kein Ersatz für das Buch oder ausgedruckten Artikel.

Der Kurs ist ein Seminar, keine Vorlesung, und deshalb hängt sein Erfolg von Ihrer aktiven Beteiligung und regelmäßigen Mitwirkung ab. Damit wir produktive und effektive Klassendiskussionen führen können, erwarte ich, dass Sie den Text der Hausaufgabe genau lesen, wichtige Passagen laut lesen und markieren und sich Fragen und Kommentare überlegen. Eine effektive Teilnahme schließt eine umfassende Vorbereitung ein und zeigt Ihr Bemühen, sich in der Klasse mit dem Kursmaterial und Ihren MitstudentInnen produktiv auseinanderzusetzen, sich zu verbessern und über Ihre Lernstrategien zu reflektieren.

Attend German Events

You must attend three extra-curricular events as part of your participation grade. During the semester, you will attend a Mittagessen [lunch], movie, German House party, or departmental guest lecture, for example. Afterward, e-mail your instructor a 40-word description of the event (as much in German as possible, some English ok). There is a great amount of flexibility as to what counts as an appropriate activity because we want you to seek out those aspects of the German-speaking culture that interest you. **Not fulfilling this requirement results in a 3% deduction of your participating grade per event missed.** <http://german.emory.edu/home/events/index.html>

Anwesenheit

Da sich unser Kurs nur zweimal pro Woche trifft, ist Ihre regelmäßige Anwesenheit unentbehrlich. Wenn Sie nicht in der Klasse sind, können Sie sich auch nicht an der Diskussion beteiligen. Deshalb wirkt sich jegliche Abwesenheit (**nach der zweiten**) negativ auf die Gesamtnote aus.

Hausaufgaben

Schreiben Sie bitte alle Hausaufgaben auf ein gesondertes Blatt Papier (doppelzeilig), das nach der Stunde eingesammelt werden kann. Jede eingesammelte Hausarbeit wird nach den folgenden Kriterien bewertet:

- Check plus (100%): Hausaufgaben, die pünktlich eingereicht werden und mit Mühe, Kreativität und Genauigkeit ausgeführt wurden.
- Check (80%): Hausaufgaben, die pünktlich eingereicht werden und befriedigend ausgeführt wurden.
- Check minus (65%): Hausaufgaben, die pünktlich eingereicht werden aber viele Fehler oder Schlampigkeit aufweisen.

Verspätete Hausaufgaben werden pro Klassentreffen heruntergesetzt. Nach zu viel Zeit bekommen verspätete Hausaufgaben keine Punkte mehr.

Projekte

In den meisten Unterrichtswochen schreiben Sie eine kurze (1-2 Seiten) Lesereaktion auf eine spezifische Frage über den jeweiligen Text. Nutzen Sie diese Aufgaben, um Ideen zur Diskussion zu formulieren, Ihre Argumente für die Aufsätze vorzubereiten und um Rückmeldung zu erhalten. Sie schreiben auch ein oder zweimal eine längere Arbeit von 3-5 Seiten.

Bitte tippen Sie die Textaufgaben und drucken diese aus.

Office for Undergraduate Education

- The Office for Undergraduate Education (OUE) central office is located in White Hall 300
- Please visit or call 404.727.6069 with questions about academic affairs, concerns or policies.
- All Emory College of Arts and Sciences policies may be found in the College Catalog: <http://catalog.college.emory.edu/>

Important Spring 2016 Dates

- January 12: First day of classes
- January 18: MLK Holiday (no classes)
- January 19: Add/Drop/Swap ends 11:59pm
- January 28: Last day to change S/U or Grading option
- March 4: Last day for partial withdrawal without penalty (all students)
- March 7-11: Spring Break (no classes)
- April 1: Last day for one-time partial withdrawal without penalty (1st year, Transfer, Oxford ONLY)
- April 25: Last day of classes
- April 26, 27: Reading Days
- April 28-May 4: Final Exam Period

Academic Advising and Class Deans

Students who have any academic concern or question about Emory College of Arts and Sciences policies should first meet with an OUE academic advisor. If an academic advisor is unavailable, students may meet with an OUE dean during open hours.

- OUE Academic Advisor appointments: www.emory.edu/asst
- Deans' Open Hours: <http://college.emory.edu/oue/about-us/deans-open-hours.html>

Academic Support

There is a range of resources available to Emory undergraduates designed to enrich each student's educational experience.

- Visit <http://college.emory.edu/oue/student-support/index.html> for a list of support programs and appointment directions.

Access and Disability Resources

Access, Disability Services and Resources (ADSR) works with students who have disabilities to provide reasonable accommodations. In order to receive consideration for reasonable accommodations, you must contact ADSR. It is the responsibility of the student to register with ADSR. Please note that accommodations are not retroactive and that disability accommodations are not provided until an accommodation letter has been processed.

Students registered with ADSR who have a letter outlining their academic accommodations, are strongly encouraged to coordinate a meeting time with your professor that will be best for both to discuss a protocol to implement the accommodations as needed throughout the semester. This meeting should occur as early in the semester as possible. Contact Access, Disability Services and Resources for more information at (404) 727-9877 or adsrstudent@emory.edu. Additional information is available at the ADSR website at <http://equityandinclusion.emory.edu/access/students/index.html>.

Attendance Policies (Absences and Absences from Examinations)

- Absences: Although students incur no administrative penalties for a reasonable number of absences from class or laboratory, they should understand that they are responsible

for the academic consequences of absence and that instructors may set specific policies about absence for individual courses.

- Absences from Examinations: A student who fails to take any required midterm or final examination at the scheduled time may not make up the examination without written permission from a dean in the Office for Undergraduate Education. Permission will be granted only for illness or other compelling reasons, such as participation in scheduled events off-campus as an official representative of the University. A student who takes any part of a final examination ordinarily will not be allowed to defer or retake that final. Deferred examinations must be taken during the student's next semester of residence by the last date for deferred examinations in the academic calendar or within twelve months if the student does not re-enroll in the college. Failure to take a deferred examination by the appropriate deadline will result automatically in the grade IF or IU.

Honor Code

The Honor Code of Emory College is in effect throughout the semester. By taking this course, you affirm that it is a violation of the code to cheat on quizzes and exams, to plagiarize, to deviate from the instructor's instructions about collaboration on work that is submitted for grades, to give false information to a faculty member, and to undertake any other form of academic misconduct. You agree that the instructor is entitled to move you to another seat during examinations, without explanation. You also affirm that if you witness others violating the code you have a duty to report them to the honor council.

The central issue is that any work submitted to an instructor for evaluation should be one's own. Within the German Studies Department assistance is possible and even encouraged in two limited situations: online or in person. Online resources can be used for grammatical explanations (e.g., verb conjugations) or the translation of words, expressions, and phrases. **However, use of online resources to translate entire sentences or paragraphs is not permitted.** Seeking assistance in person should be limited to receiving suggestions, reviewing certain topics, and addressing revisions, but the ultimate production of the work to be turned in will rest with you.

The Honor Code, a list of offenses and the Honor Council process may be found in the College Catalog, <http://catalog.college.emory.edu/academic/policies-regulations/honor-code.html>

Upon every individual who is a part of Emory University falls the responsibility for maintaining in the life of Emory a standard of unimpeachable honor in all academic work.the Honor Code of Emory College is based on the fundamental assumption that every loyal person of the University not only will conduct his or her own life according to the dictates of the highest honor, but will also refuse to tolerate in others action which would sully the good name of the institution. Preamble, Honor Code

Academic misconduct is an offense generally defined as any action or inaction which is offensive to the integrity and honesty of the members of the academic community.