

## Languages Classes: German or French, all levels

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

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Like the research seminar, the language classes in German and French run alongside the topic modules throughout the semester. They are optional for those students who wish to immerse themselves in one of the language cultures of Switzerland. The classes are tailored to the skill levels and needs of each individual student and begin with a diagnostic test to determine the student's level as measured by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Following an individual learning plan developed with their professor, students are immersed in the four language competencies of listening, speaking, writing and reading, in an innovative and flexible format that consists of in-class instruction, immersive communication and guided study at the Language Centre of the University of Zurich. The goal of the learning plan is to allow students to reach the next level of language competency in their chosen language, as determined by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Upon completion of the level test, students will receive a certificate of their achievement.

**Suggested Credit:** Credit for student work in German or French will be awarded for American language learning levels equivalent to A1 through C2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. For example, a student might receive a grade for German 200 if they achieve a B1 on the final exam.

### ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

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Assessment for this course will be based on language quizzes, short written texts in either German or French, oral in-class presentations based on literary texts and films in German or French, the ability to follow an individual learning plan, and a final, level-appropriate exam based on the standard exams issued by The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. The final grade composition is based on these assessments.