

**Module Title:** Contemporary German Studies I

**Module Code:** GER5204

**Credit Value:** 15

**Level:** 5

**Pre-requisite modules:**

### **Content Description**

This module covers different aspects of contemporary German Linguistics and will help prepare students for their year abroad. Areas to be covered will include: Where German comes from, how it has developed, and where it is currently spoken; how German is related to other languages; German pronunciation; Contemporary German dialects; German standard forms and non-standard variation in contemporary German; and contemporary sociolinguistic issues, such as Register, Language & Sexism, Linguistic Purism / Denglisch, Jugendsprache

### **Module Aims**

#### ACADEMIC CONTENT

- Able to deal with complex issues both systematically and creatively, make sound judgements in the absence of complete data, and communicate conclusions clearly to specialist and non-specialist audiences
- Able to demonstrate self-direction and originality in tackling and solving problems, and act autonomously in planning and implementing tasks at a professional or equivalent level
- Able to continue to advance knowledge and understanding, and to develop new skills to a high level

#### DISCIPLINARY SKILLS

- Demonstrate a systematic understanding of knowledge and a critical awareness of current problems and new insights in German linguistics, much of which is informed by current research
- Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of techniques applicable to the student's own work in German linguistics
- Demonstrate originality in the application of knowledge, together with a practical understanding

of how established techniques of research and enquiry in the area of German linguistics are used

to create and interpret knowledge in the discipline

#### ATTRIBUTES

- Able to use information for evidence-based decision-making and creative thinking
- Demonstrate the independent learning ability required for continuing professional development