

# College for Seniors

## COURSE PROPOSAL

For Curriculum Committee use	
Semester(s) this course was previously offered: Fall 2007	Proposal Number: <input type="text"/>

Please complete this form with the understanding that you may revise the course description and topics before the catalog is finalized. To see a catalog from last semester, go to the College for Seniors Web site: [www.isualum.org/en/college\\_for\\_seniors](http://www.isualum.org/en/college_for_seniors)

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German Language and Culture

1. **Course title:** \_\_\_\_\_

Language and Travel

2. **General field of interest** (e.g., Science, Music): \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Curriculum Committee contact person:** Barbara Matthies

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4. **Instructor or coordinator:** Barbara Matthies

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**Brief background of instructor** (all or part of this will be used in the catalog):

Barbara Matthies was a professor of linguistics at ISU. Her undergraduate major was German, and she lived in Berlin for a year after college. She has continued to travel widely and to keep up her basic German skills over the years. She will invite other speakers of German to help with the instruction for this course.

5. **Course description** that can be used to advertise the course in the catalog (you may revise this later if you wish).

German is one of the major languages of Europe and closely related to English. Thus, it is not difficult to learn basic phrases. The class will also explore the cultural traditions, geography, and tourist destinations in the German-speaking regions.

6. **Specific topics** to be covered in the number of classes proposed:

German-speaking Europe

How to read a German menu

Useful German phrases

Regional differences in German

Getting around in Europe

Tracing German roots

Must-see destinations

How to learn more

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**7. Preferred**

class size:  15 or less  16-25  26-35  36-45  46-55  55 or more

**8. Preferred session**

(include year) :  2 Sept.-Nov.  1 Jan.-Feb.  March-May

**9. Preferred number of**

weeks and sessions:  1 4 weeks  6 weeks  2 8 weeks  
 Once a week  Twice a week

**10. Check preferred class time. Put N/A where you are not available.**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Comments
9:00-10:30	x				I might be out of town for a week. Otherwise, my schedule is flexible.
11:00-12:30					
1:00-2:30					
3:00-4:30					

**11. Recommended textbook (if any):** Rick Steeves' German Phrase Book

Where to obtain: Borders

Cost of textbook: \$7.95 (as of Jan. 07)

Students will pay:  Instructor  College for Seniors when registering

**12. Copying:**

If a large quantity of printed materials is proposed, materials may be offered as a packet to be handed out at the beginning of the semester. Cost of printing, if substantial, may be added to cost of course.

Estimated number of pages to be copied for each session: 2 (more if no textbook)

**13. Requested equipment** (Podium with microphone, chalk, and dry-mark pens are provided at Scheman and ISU Foundation locations.)

Please check choices. (A more detailed form will be provided for your use before classes begin.)

**NOTE: If using PowerPoint, you must provide your own computer.**

DVD player  LCD projector  35mm slide projector  
 VHS player  Elmo (opaque) projector  Lapel microphone  
 CD player  Overhead transparency projector  Laser pointer

**14. Please list any potential guest presenters and city in which they live:**

George Seifert, Ames  
 Volker Hegelheimer, Ames

**15. Is travel reimbursement requested?**  Yes  No