GERM 3330. Composition and Advanced Grammar: Cross-Cultural Analysis. This learner-centered, collaborative, writing intensive course encourages you to participate in transformative learning. It focuses on German-American intercultural and interdisciplinary communication. You will write German emails, short stories, letters, resumes, scholarship applications, etc. Grammar and vocabulary serve as tools to participate in higher- order learning activities: the analysis and evaluation of cross-cultural phenomena such as friendships, happiness, patterns of consumption, or criminal behavior. M-W-F, 12-12:50 pm (B. Jensen)

GERM 3310: Introduction to Literature. In this course you will read and discuss texts highlighting difficulties in communication between people of various cultural and professional backgrounds. You will develop language and cultural proficiencies in high demand in today’s economy. You will gain skills in reading German texts for their underlying meaning, increase your vocabulary, and improve your spoken and written German to allow you to communicate more effectively in professional settings. You will also develop your critical thinking skills, as we make and learn from cross-cultural comparisons. T-Th, 12:30-1:45 pm (J. Twark)

FORL 4700: Special Topics - German for the Professions. This course introduces you to professional life in Germany and assists you to find and apply for a job there. You will gain intercultural competence, “targeted knowledge, skills and attitudes that lead to visible behavior and communication that are both effective and appropriate in intercultural interactions” (D. K. Deardorff 2006). We will discuss cultural differences between working in Germany versus in the U.S. and you will acquire knowledge of companies and organizations operating in the German-speaking world. You will build skills important for navigating the workplace and produce German-style resumes, business letters, and communication in the form of oral presentations and interviews. T-Th, 9:30-10:45 am (J. Twark)

GERM 3700: Special Topics: Germany on Screen: Current Cultural Trends and Social Movements. “It’s like opening a door and going into a new world.” — David Lynch about cinema

Let’s open the door to the German-speaking world together as we view recent German films in order to analyze the kinds of cultural trends and social movements Germany is experiencing at the moment, including topics such as migration, populism, the legacy of WWII and Germany’s division in today’s society. Our viewings and discussions will also give you an opportunity to expand your German vocabulary, review structures, and improve your oral as well as written communication in German. M-W, 2-3:15pm (S. Jones)