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German literature:
An Introduction

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This course explores representative and influential works of German speaking authors from the early nineteenth century to the twenty first century. We will discuss themes that are important to the authors’ and our times: science and ethics; representation of gender; memory and commemoration. We also explore questions such as: How do we recognize a literary text? How do we interpret literature? Which relationship is there between the text and society and how does this relationship change over time? We look at different genre (drama, fiction and poetry) and analyze the power and limits of each genre. We discuss interviews with contemporary writers and explore the motivation and poetic strategies of writing.

Taught in German.