



GMST 100: Introduction to Germanic Studies (1.5 units) Fall 2026 – University of Victoria



The remains of the Berlin Wall at the Bernauerstrasse Memorial (photo by Matt Pollard)

Schedule

Mondays & Thursdays 10:00 – 11:20 am

Prerequisites

None; this is a first-year introductory course; it is required for the Germanic Studies certificate, minor and major.

Description

GMST 100 introduces students to the cultural symbols, spaces and events which have not only shaped German-speaking identity but also the discipline of Germanic Studies itself. By examining architecture, literature, film, myths, visual art and graphic novels, students will acquire cultural literacy in “things German” and essential skills in reading a broad spectrum of media.

Textbooks

Nora Krug. *Belonging* (NY: 2018); additional material provided by instructor.

Instructor

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