

Nottingham Trent University

Module Specification

	Basic module information	
1	Module Title:	Contemporary German Politics
2	Module Code:	GERM21405
3	Credit Points:	20
4	Duration:	Second Half Year
5	School:	Arts and Humanities
6	Campus:	Clifton
7	Date this version first approved to run:	September 2017

8 Pre, post and co-requisites:

These are modules that you must have studied previously in order to take this module, or modules that you must study simultaneously or in a subsequent academic session

Pre Co, Post Module Code Module Title

9 Courses containing the module

<u>Level</u>	<u>Core/Option</u>	<u>Mode</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Course Title</u>
5	Option	SW		BA Joint Honours Modern Languages
5	Option	FT		BA Joint Honours Modern Languages
5	Option	PT		BA Joint Honours Modern Languages
		FT	EURX003	European Exchange (Year long)
		FT	EURX002	European Exchange (Second half year)
		FT	INTX003	International Exchange (Year long)
		FT	INTX002	International Exchange (Second half

10 Overview and aims

In this module, you will be introduced to aspects of German politics and institutional structures as well as provided with some insight into comparable structures in other German-speaking countries. You will gain some understanding of the divided Germany, i.e. the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic, as well as insights into the legacy this division still has.

The module addresses background themes and issues relevant to an understanding of contemporary Germany from 1945 until the present day. It will enable you to identify the main paradigms that have shaped the German economic, political and social contexts during the 20th century. You will be encouraged to follow contemporary

developments in German politics and respond to these developments in a critical and informed manner.

11 Module content

The issues addressed in this module will include some or all of the following:

- Brief history of Germany (1945-present day)
- Democratic structures
- Political Parties
- The GDR
- Competing memories of the GDR
- Economics and politics
- Mass media
- Women in Germany
- Extremism
- Migration
- Sustainability

12 Indicative reading

Please note that this is an indicative reading list giving examples of books that might be useful to you. Any particular editions of books that are required will be made known to you in advance of the commencement of the module.

- Braunthal, G., 2009. *Right-wing Extremism in Contemporary Germany*. Basingstoke: Palgrave
- Glaessner, G.J., 2005. *German Democracy. From Post World-War II to the Present Day*. London, Berg.
- Green, S. et al., 2012. *The Politics of the New Germany*. London: Routledge
- Lewis, D., 2001. *Contemporary Germany: A Handbook*. London: Arnold.
- Rechten, R., and Tate, D., eds. 2011 *Twenty Years On. Competing Memories of the GDR in Postunification German Culture*. Woodbridge: Camden House.
- Sontheimer, K., and Bleek, W., 2004. *Grundzüge des politischen Systems Deutschlands*. München: Piper Verlag

Contemporary German periodicals in written and electronic versions will also be useful, e.g. *Das Parlament*, *Aus Politik und Zeitgeschichte*, *German Politics*

13 Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes describe what you should know and be able to do by the end of the module

Knowledge and understanding. After studying this module you should be able to:

- Demonstrate in-depth knowledge and understanding of the German language.
- Demonstrate in-depth awareness of aspects of society and culture of German-speaking countries
- Demonstrate critical awareness and understanding of aspects of German and German-speaking culture and traditions
- Demonstrate in-depth awareness of the academic and/or work-related contexts in Germany and/or other German-speaking countries

Skills, qualities and attributes. After studying this module you should be able to:

- Deploy German language skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) fluently for academic purposes
- Comprehend and analyse audio-visual, written and electronic texts in German
- Construct and sustain logical arguments orally and in writing in German and English.
- Exploit bibliographic and research skills in order to locate and analyse sources of information, including online materials.
- Demonstrate problem-solving skills, and apply IT, for electronic communication with others, presentation of argument and bibliographic searches
- Undertake demanding independent and self-directed study, and demonstrate adaptability, time management skills and the ability to work collaboratively
- Reflect upon your learning and achievements and plan for personal, educational and career development.

14 **Teaching and learning**

Range of modes of direct contact

This indicates the range of direct contact teaching and learning methods used on this module,
e.g. lectures, seminars

Teaching and learning takes place through a range of lectures and seminar-based activities. Some of these are staff-led, and some led by students. There is a clear weekly schedule that you will follow.

Total contact hours: 39

Range of other learning methods

This indicates the range of other teaching and learning methods used on this module, e.g.
directed reading, research

Lectures and seminars will be supported by recommended readings and viewings which will guide your understanding of key themes and concepts addressed in the module. You will also be expected to engage in additional independent learning, which is guided by the module staff.

Total non-contact hours: 161

15 **Assessment methods**

This indicates the type and weighting of assessment elements and sub-elements in the module

<u>Element number</u>	<u>Weighting</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Description (include any sub-elements)</u>
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1	100%	Coursework	Summative Portfolio of essay and presentation
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Diagnostic/formative assessment

<p>This indicates if there are any assessments that do not contribute directly to the final module mark</p>
<p>Students will undertake various tasks in class and for homework, for which they will receive regular formative feedback.</p> <p>Students are also offered opportunities for formative feedback which is directly targeted towards the summative assessments, for example, through individual tutor meetings in advance of presentations and an opportunity to submit a formative plan for their essay for which they receive detailed feedback. Please see the subject Assessment and Feedback Plan for details of the scheduled date of these formative assessment events.</p>
<p>Further information on assessment</p> <p>This section provides further information on the module's assessment where appropriate</p>

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