



# GERMAN LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

## WHY SHOULD I STUDY IB GERMAN LANGUAGE & LITERATURE?

If your mother tongue is German or if you have a near-native level of German and are interested in reading and writing this course is for you. You will study a range of literary and non-literary texts in German and in German translation from different times, places, and cultures. Through the study of various text types and genres you will gain an understanding of the ways in which different languages and literatures represent the world. This course will also help you to keep your German language skills active at a high level and develop them further.

## WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT?

You will explore the interactions between readers, writers, and texts, how texts interact with time as well as with each other. You will also learn about the complex and dynamic nature of language and explore the crucial role it plays in communication, reflecting experience and shaping the world. You will study the various ways in which language choices, text types, literary forms, and contextual elements all effect meaning. Through close analysis of various text types and literary forms, you will consider your own interpretations as well as the critical perspectives of others, to explore how such positions are shaped by cultural belief systems and to negotiate meanings for texts.

## HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

There are three assessment components at Standard Level and four at Higher Level: An individual oral, a guided textual analysis of one (SL) or two (HL) non-literary texts as well as a comparative essay based on two of the literary works studied during the course. In addition, at Higher Level a 1,500-word formal essay has to be submitted.

## WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

You will improve your listening, speaking, reading, writing, viewing, and presenting skills as well as your skills in interpretation, detailed analysis, and critical evaluation of texts. You will also develop your essay writing skills by strengthening your ability to construct, develop and evidence an argument successfully. Self-management and research skills will also play an important part.

## WHERE COULD THIS SUBJECT TAKE ME IN THE FUTURE?

Not only will the study of this subject allow you to take it further at University but the reading, writing, analytical and communications skills developed during the course will stand you in good stead in a number of other courses and careers.

