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Variationen: advanced German L313

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*Presentation pattern*    *October to June*

*Module description*

*Variationen: advanced German* is the second module in the University's Diploma in German. It extends the language skills developed in L203 *Motive: upper intermediate German* and further enhances students' cultural knowledge. By working with audio-visual, web-based and printed material from German-speaking countries, students will learn how to communicate in a wide range of situations, improve their command of grammar and vocabulary, and develop key skills (including academic skills) necessary for studying at a higher level. The outcome of this module is of a level comparable to C1 as defined by the Council of Europe.

You will be teaching this module by a blended tuition of synchronous conferencing, face-to-face tutorials and online forums. The majority of tutorials you hold will be online using Elluminate (a voice and visual conferencing system). There is normally some face-to-face tuition (or alternatively telephone tuition) depending on geographical location. The module also makes use of the University's Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). The VLE contains the module materials (except for a workbook and reader) and pedagogic activities, as well as links to Elluminate and other interactive tools such as wikis, blogs and forums. You will be expected to regularly support and tutor students on the VLE via an online tutor group forum.

*Person specification*

The person specification for this module should be read in conjunction with the [generic person specification](#) for an associate lecturer at The Open University.

As well as meeting all the requirements set out in the generic person specification, you should have:

- native or near-native speaker competence in German and a degree in language studies or another appropriate subject
- extensive teaching experience in German language and aspects of Germanic studies, preferably to adults
- a commitment to communicative language teaching
- sensitivity to the particular problems of teaching languages at a distance
- a broad understanding of German speaking countries, their societies and cultures
- a willingness to develop students' intercultural awareness
- the ability to use information communication technology for language teaching.

It would be an advantage to have:

- an appropriate teaching qualification
- teaching experience at tertiary level.

*Additional information*

- Experience of using electronic modes of distance teaching and support would be useful but training will be provided.
- Tutorials are arranged in the evenings or weekends. You are expected to be available by telephone or email between tutorials to help students with any difficulties.
- You will also moderate your own online tutor group forum; assignments will be submitted, marked and returned electronically.
- You will need regular access to a computer that conforms to the specifications set out on the personal computing website for L313.

*Module related details - a full explanation can be found on the website*

Credits awarded to the student for the successful completion of a module:	60
Number of assignments submitted by the student:	5
Method of submission for assignments:	1b
Level of ICT requirements:	2
Number of students likely to be in a standard group:	20
Salary band:	7
Estimated number of hours per teaching week:	6

*There may be opportunities for ALs to undertake associated assessment work for which there will be additional payment and about which you will be contacted separately if applicable.*