

# GERMAN, NORDIC, AND SLAVIC (GNS)

## GNS/JEWISH 105 – FIRST SEMESTER YIDDISH

4 credits.

Introduction to the Yiddish language through speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Emphasis on communication with attention to cultural and historical context.

**Requisites:** None

**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang - 1st semester language course

Level - Elementary

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

## GNS/JEWISH 106 – SECOND SEMESTER YIDDISH

4 credits.

Introduction to the Yiddish language through speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Emphasis on communication with attention to cultural and historical context.

**Requisites:** GNS/JEWISH 105

**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang - 2nd semester language course

Level - Elementary

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

## GNS/FOLKLORE 200 – FOLKLORE OF CENTRAL, EASTERN AND NORTHERN EUROPE

3 credits.

Folklore of Central, Eastern and Northern Europe and among emigrants from these regions in North America. A survey of genres of folklore, history of research, and modes of interpretation, past and present.

**Requisites:** None

**Course Designation:** Gen Ed - Communication Part B

Breadth - Humanities

Level - Elementary

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2020

## GNS/ENVIR ST 210 – CULTURES OF SUSTAINABILITY: CENTRAL, EASTERN, AND NORTHERN EUROPE

3 credits.

Exploration of the ideals and realities of sustainability in Central, Northern and East European contexts. Cultural, historical, environmental and other perspectives on sustainability on a local and global scale.

**Requisites:** None

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities

Level - Elementary

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2022

## GNS/HISTORY 265 – AN INTRODUCTION TO CENTRAL ASIA: FROM THE SILK ROUTE TO AFGHANISTAN

3 credits.

Examination of human geography, ethnicity, nomadism and pastoralism, oases cultures, religion and international politics of the silk routes of central Asia. Not open to students with credit for HIST 265 prior to Fall 2018.

**Requisites:** None

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities

Level - Elementary

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2019

## GNS 270 – INTRODUCTORY TOPICS IN GNS

3 credits.

Elementary topics in German, Nordic, and/or Slavic culture, folklore, linguistics, and/or language.

**Requisites:** None

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities

Level - Elementary

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2023

## GNS 324 – LITERATURES OF CENTRAL ASIA

3 credits.

Critical survey of the development of medieval and modern literatures of the peoples of Central Asia from pre-Islamic times to the present with selected readings in English translation. Not open to students with credit for LCA 314 prior to fall 2019.

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2020

## GNS 329 – ELEMENTARY SUMMER IMMERSION TURKISH

8 credits.

Provides students with an introduction to the Turkish language, which is spoken by more than 80 million people in Turkey and Europe. Work within four language skills: listening, reading, writing, and speaking. Provides to communicate in more extended situations in Turkish. Information on holidays, traditions and colloquial phrases will be introduced. Besides everyday Turkish, learn written Turkish such as formal letters, orders and messages. Pays special attention to reading and writing and to vocabulary expansion.

**Requisites:** Declared in Turkish Flagship Language Initiative

**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang - 1st semester language course

Level - Elementary

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Summer 2018

**GNS 331 – FIRST SEMESTER KAZAKH**

4 credits.

Provides an introduction to the Kazakh language, which is a Turkic language spoken by about 11 million people in Kazakhstan, China, Mongolia, Turkey, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Russia, and Iran. Work within four language skills: listening, reading, writing, and speaking. Learn to communicate in Kazakh in authentic situations. Kazakh will be used as the primary language in classroom instructions, with minimal use of English for explanations of grammar.

**Requisites:** None**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang - 1st semester language course  
Level - Elementary

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Summer 2023**GNS 332 – SECOND SEMESTER KAZAKH**

4 credits.

Building on skills learned in first semester Kazakh, learn to communicate in more extended situations. Information on holidays, traditions and colloquial phrases will be introduced. Pays special attention to reading and writing and to vocabulary expansion.

**Requisites:** GNS 331 (or LCA LANG 331 prior to fall 2018)**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang - 2nd semester language course  
Level - Elementary

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Summer 2023**GNS 339 – FIRST SEMESTER TURKISH**

4 credits.

Provides an introduction to the Turkish language, which is spoken by more than 80 million people in Turkey and Europe. Work within four language skills: listening, reading, writing, and speaking. Learn to communicate in Turkish in authentic situations. Turkish will be used as the primary language in classroom instructions, with minimal use of English.

**Requisites:** None**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang - 1st semester language course  
Level - Elementary

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Summer 2023**GNS 340 – SECOND SEMESTER TURKISH**

4 credits.

Building on skills learned in first semester Turkish, learn to communicate in more extended situations. Information on holidays, traditions and colloquial phrases will be introduced. Besides everyday Turkish, learn written Turkish such as formal letters, orders and messages. Pays special attention to reading and writing and to vocabulary expansion.

**Requisites:** GNS 339 (or LCA LANG 339 prior to fall 2018)**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang - 2nd semester language course  
Level - Elementary

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Summer 2023**GNS 351 – FIRST SEMESTER CENTRAL EURASIAN LANGUAGE**

4 credits.

Introductory study of a Central Eurasian study, including introductory grammar to read, write and speak about daily life and interactions in the topic language. Upon completion, student can expect to possess a firm grammatical foundation for further study of oral and written Tajik, Uyghur, or Uzbek.

**Requisites:** Declared in Central Eurasian Studies Summer Institute**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang - 1st semester language course  
Level - Elementary

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Summer 2023**GNS 352 – SECOND SEMESTER CENTRAL EURASIAN LANGUAGE**

4 credits.

Introductory study of a Central Eurasian study, including introductory grammar to read, write and speak about daily life and interactions in the topic language. Upon completion, student can expect to possess a firm grammatical foundation for further study of oral and written Tajik, Uyghur, or Uzbek.

**Requisites:** Declared in Central Eurasian Studies Summer Institute**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang - 2nd semester language course  
Level - Elementary

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Summer 2023**GNS 370 – TOPICS IN GNS (INTERMEDIATE)**

3 credits.

Intermediate topics in German, Nordic, and/or Slavic culture, folklore, linguistics, and/or language.

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities  
Level - Intermediate

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Fall 2022**GNS 375 – PHILOSOPHY, THEORY, CRITICISM**

3 credits.

Selected studies in critical theory, continental philosophy, and/or literary criticism; topics may include German idealism, psychoanalysis, phenomenology, linguistics, Marxism, gender theory, critical race studies, religion, translation, poetics, media, migration studies, etc.

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities  
Level - Intermediate

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Spring 2022

**GNS/JEWISH 405 – FIRST SEMESTER YIDDISH FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS**

4 credits.

Introduction to the Yiddish language through speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Emphasis on communication with attention to cultural and historical context. Includes tasks designed to facilitate Yiddish-related research.

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**GNS 429 – INTERMEDIATE SUMMER IMMERSION TURKISH**

8 credits.

Continues the study of the Turkish language with an emphasis on four language skills: listening, reading, writing, and speaking in order to develop proficiency at the intermediate level. Improve communication in Turkish. Instruction will emphasize the language that is relevant to situations that students are likely to encounter if they travel to or live in Turkey. The secondary goal of the course is to improve students' understanding of Turkish society and culture. Students are deeply engaged in Turkish culture through history, literature, art and politics.

**Requisites:** GNS 329 or 340 and declared in Turkish Flagship Language Initiative

**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang – 3rd semester language course  
Level – Intermediate

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Summer 2019

**GNS 431 – THIRD SEMESTER KAZAKH**

4 credits.

Continues the study of the Kazakh language with an emphasis on four language skills: listening, reading, writing, and speaking in order to develop proficiency at the intermediate level. The primary goal is to improve communication in Kazakh. Instruction will emphasize the language that is relevant to situations that students are likely to encounter if they travel to or live in Kazakhstan. The secondary goal of the course is to improve students' understanding of Kazakh society and culture.

**Requisites:** GNS 332 (or LCA LANG 332 prior to fall 2018)

**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang – 3rd semester language course  
Level – Intermediate

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Summer 2022

**GNS 432 – FOURTH SEMESTER KAZAKH**

4 credits.

Continue to learn more about the Kazakh language through history, literature and art, in order to better understand its cultural codes.

**Requisites:** GNS 431 (or LCA LANG 431 prior to fall 2018)

**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang – 4th semester language course  
Level – Intermediate

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2023

**GNS 439 – THIRD SEMESTER TURKISH**

4 credits.

Continues the study of the Turkish language, focusing on four language skills--listening, reading, writing, and speaking--in order to develop proficiency at the intermediate level. Improve communication in Turkish. Instruction will emphasize the language that is relevant to situations that students are likely to encounter if they travel to or live in Turkey. The secondary goal of the course is to improve students' understanding of Turkish society and culture.

**Requisites:** GNS 340 (or LCA LANG 340 prior to fall 2018)

**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang – 3rd semester language course  
Level – Intermediate

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Summer 2023

**GNS 440 – FOURTH SEMESTER TURKISH**

4 credits.

Continues the study of the Turkish language, focusing on four language skills--listening, reading, writing, and speaking--in order to develop proficiency at the intermediate level. In addition to the topics covered in previous semesters, learn more about the language through history, literature and art, in order to better understand its cultural codes.

**Requisites:** GNS 439 (or LCA LANG 439 prior to fall 2018)

**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang – 4th semester language course  
Level – Intermediate

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Summer 2023

**GNS 451 – THIRD SEMESTER CENTRAL EURASIAN LANGUAGE**

4 credits.

Third semester level language taught in an intensive 8-week summer language program.

**Requisites:** Declared in Central Eurasian Studies Summer Institute

**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang – 3rd semester language course  
Level – Intermediate

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Summer 2023

**GNS 452 – FOURTH SEMESTER CENTRAL EURASIAN LANGUAGE**

4 credits.

Introduces intermediate-level communication skills in Central Eurasian languages in varying settings. Students will learn a wide range of vocabulary, grammar structure and pragmatic usage in situated dialogues. They will improve four language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) and pragmatic competence through interactive and meaningful in-class activities and after-class assignments.

**Requisites:** Declared in Central Eurasian Studies Summer Institute

**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang – 4th semester language course  
Level – Intermediate

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Summer 2023

**GNS 460 – READINGS IN TURKISH: CONTEMPORARY TURKEY THROUGH LITERATURE AND MEDIA**

4 credits.

Improve reading skills in Turkish by also developing and employing analytical skills to comprehend, identify and respond to salient features of the contemporary Turkish society. Acquire skills to comprehend a variety of texts within Turkey's social and political framework. Designed for students participating in the Turkish Overseas Flagship Program.

**Requisites:** GNS 429**Course Designation:** Breadth - Literature. Counts toward the Humanities req

Level - Advanced

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No**GNS 471 – ADVANCED TOPICS IN EAST EUROPEAN AND CENTRAL ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES**

1-4 credits.

Advanced topics in East European and Central Asian culture, folklore, linguistics, and/or language.

**Requisites:** Junior standing**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities

Level - Advanced

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Spring 2023**GNS 529 – ADVANCED SUMMER IMMERSION TURKISH**

8 credits.

Continues the study of the Turkish language with an emphasis on four language skills: listening, reading, writing, and speaking in order to develop proficiency at the advanced level. Improve communication in Turkish. Instruction will emphasize the language that is relevant to situations that students are likely to encounter if they travel to or live in Turkey. The secondary goal of the course is to improve students' understanding of Turkish society and culture. Students are deeply engaged in Turkish culture through history, literature, art and politics.

**Requisites:** GNS 429 or GNS 440 and declared in Turkish Flagship Language Initiative**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang - 5th + semester language course

Level - Advanced

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Summer 2019**GNS 531 – FIFTH SEMESTER KAZAKH**

3-4 credits.

Enhance speaking, listening, writing and reading skills. Build confidence in speaking about issues related to daily life.

**Requisites:** GNS 432 (or LCA LANG 432 prior to fall 2018)**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities

Frgn Lang - 5th + semester language course

Level - Advanced

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Summer 2023**GNS 532 – SIXTH SEMESTER KAZAKH**

3-4 credits.

Enhance speaking, listening, writing and reading skills. Build confidence in speaking about issues related to daily life.

**Requisites:** GNS 531 (or LCA LANG 531 prior to fall 2018)**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities

Frgn Lang - 5th + semester language course

Level - Advanced

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Summer 2023**GNS 539 – FIFTH SEMESTER TURKISH AND AZERI**

3-4 credits.

Continues the study of the Turkish languages combined with Azerbaijani, which is a Turkic language closely related to Turkish. Learn Azerbaijani written in the Latin alphabet and its minor differences from Turkish.

Develop proficiency at the advanced level in listening, speaking, reading and writing in Turkish and in Azerbaijani.

**Requisites:** GNS 440 (or LCA LANG 440 prior to fall 2018)**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities

Frgn Lang - 5th + semester language course

Level - Advanced

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Fall 2022**GNS 540 – SIXTH SEMESTER TURKISH AND AZERI**

3-4 credits.

A continuation of the study of Turkish language with Azerbaijani. Practice in understanding and employing Turkish at an advanced level, including spoken and written language in colloquial and professional modes. Analysis and interpretation of texts from a grammatical and cultural perspective.

**Requisites:** GNS 539 (or LCA LANG 539 prior to Fall 2018)**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities

Frgn Lang - 5th + semester language course

Level - Advanced

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2023**GNS 551 – FIFTH SEMESTER CENTRAL EURASIAN LANGUAGE**

4 credits.

Introduces advanced-level communication skills in Central Eurasian languages in varying settings. Students will learn a wide range of vocabulary, grammar structure and pragmatic usage in situated dialogues. They will improve four language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) and pragmatic competence through interactive and meaningful in-class activities and after-class assignments.

**Requisites:** Declared in Central Eurasian Studies Summer Institute**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang - 5th + semester language course

Level - Advanced

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Summer 2022

**GNS 552 – SIXTH SEMESTER CENTRAL EURASIAN LANGUAGE**

4 credits.

Introduces advanced-level communication skills in Central Eurasian languages in varying settings. Students will learn a wide range of vocabulary, grammar structure and pragmatic usage in situated dialogues. They will improve four language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) and pragmatic competence through interactive and meaningful in-class activities and after-class assignments.

**Requisites:** Declared in Central Eurasian Studies Summer Institute

**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang - 5th + semester language course  
Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Summer 2022

**GNS 624 – PROSEMINAR IN CENTRAL ASIAN HISTORY**

3 credits.

Introduction to the historiography of the Golden Horde and the Tatar, Kazak, and Uzbek nations; impact on Russia; Russian colonialism in Central Asia; innovative approaches to social and economic history. Not open to students with credit for LCA 640 prior to Fall 2019

**Requisites:** Junior standing

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities

Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2019

**GNS 700 – GRADUATE SEMINAR IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

3 credits.

Promotes the academic and professional development of graduate students in the humanities, in particular in the fields of German, Scandinavian, and Slavic studies. Students create and critique conference presentations, grant proposals, books reviews, CVs, and other important academic documents. The seminar includes visits from faculty in the various programs of German, Nordic, and Slavic.

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2023