

Preparation for Ge1, academic year 2022-23

There are six topics on Ge1. Students attend lectures on all six and have supervisions (that is, write essays and receive feedback) on four. You should aim to develop a working knowledge of the material for all six, and a more detailed understanding of your chosen four.

Michaelmas Term (October – December)

In Michaelmas Term, there will be lectures on the following topics: History, Literature C (*Die Verwandlung* and *Western*), Literature B (Goethe's *Urfaust* and Droste-Hülshoff's *Die Judenbuche*) and Thought (*Das Kommunistische Manifest* and *Jenseits von Gut und Böse*).

Some preparation before you come to Cambridge will help you to manage your time in the first term. We recommend that, before you arrive, you make yourself familiar with as many as possible of the literary and philosophical texts that will be covered in Michaelmas Term. Look up words that you don't know, and jot down any thoughts that you have while reading. You will then be in a good position to make the most of the lectures and supervisions, which are designed to fill in the background and to support you in developing your interpretations.

There are no prescribed editions of the various texts, but we recommend the following resources:

- *Die Verwandlung* can be purchased cheaply in the Reclam edition.
- *Western* can be streamed here:

<https://learningonscreen.ac.uk/ondemand/index.php/prog/115BB6C1?bcast=130277161>

This version does not have subtitles, but access is free. You are welcome to reinforce your understanding by borrowing the DVD from one of the libraries when you arrive.

Western can also be purchased in DVD format, or streamed via Amazon Prime.

- We recommend that you buy copies of *Urfaust* and *Die Judenbuche*, which again are available cheaply in the Reclam edition.
- You can find *Das Kommunistische Manifest* here:

<https://www.marxists.org/deutsch/archiv/marx-engels/1848/manifest/index.htm>

and *Jenseits von Gut und Böse* here:

<https://www.gutenberg.org/cache/epub/7204/pg7204.html>

We recommend that, if you choose Thought as one of your topics for further study and supervision, you obtain a physical copy of the texts (either by buying a cheap edition

of each or by borrowing them from the library), but you don't necessarily need to have decided this before you arrive.

- Once you have your password for Raven (an online system internal to Cambridge), you will have access to the resources for the History topic, so you can expect to read those when you are here. There is no need to buy these books unless you wish to: the relevant material is available to you electronically, and you can use the libraries to top up your learning.

Lent Term (January – March)

In Lent Term, there will be lectures on Literature A (*Iwein* and poems by Gryphius and Greiffenberg) and Linguistics. You are strongly advised to do your preparatory reading over the Christmas vacation.

- The poems by Gryphius and Greiffenberg are on our website:

https://www.mml.cam.ac.uk/sites/www.mml.cam.ac.uk/files/appendix_a_-_poems_by_greiffenberg_and_gryphius.pdf

- You will also have access to *Iwein* as an ebook for an initial reading:

<https://www.degruyter.com/document/doi/10.1515/9783110867619/html?lang=en>

If you intend to pursue this topic in more depth in supervisions, you are advised to use this Reclam edition:

Hartmann von Aue, *Iwein*. *Mittelhochdeutsch/Neuhochdeutsch*, ed. and translated by Rüdiger Krohn, with commentary by Mireille Schnyder (Stuttgart: Reclam 2012).

This edition, which has an excellent commentary, is also recommended and can be borrowed from the libraries in Cambridge:

Hartmann von Aue, *Iwein*, ed. by Volker Mertens (Frankfurt: Deutscher Klassiker Verlag, 2008).

- There is no need to make any additional purchases for Linguistics: all the relevant material will be available to you online.