What does it mean to be German? On what does a German identity depend? A common language? A common religion? A common legal status? Since the end of World War II with the arrival of numerous guest workers, foreign students and refugees, Germany has become increasingly diverse. How does this influence German notions of national identity? We will explore these issues through discussion and readings of literature, theoretical and non-fictional texts, as well as viewing films and listening to music.

Readings in English or German; class discussions in English. Permission of the instructor for undergraduates.*

*Approved as elective for undergraduate German major/minors, to count toward courses taught in English.