



## German 1012: Introduction to Austrian Literature Wednesdays 12:00-12:50, Cathedral of Learning 239 Taught by Orin James (ojames@pitt.edu)

In this course we explore literary texts representative of some of the major Austrian writers during particular time periods ranging from the 18th to 20th centuries. Authors such as Ebner-Eschenbach, Schnitzler, and Kafka among others will be read and discussed. Using both readings and films, we will navigate cultural history, societal and ideological changes during various time periods, namely the Holy Roman Empire, Austro-Hungarian Empire, and First Republic. Students will develop sensitivity to the particular roles and experiences of Austrian writers as citizens of a multinational empire pre- WWI and the new role writers assumed after the dissolution of the empire post WWI. We will also highlight via structural analysis the various literary devices Austrian authors used to display themes such as sovereignty, gender roles, moral, religious and race differences among others. We will also discuss how these works were received internationally. This course will be taught in German. This course will be great for students thinking about participating in the Comparative Healthcare in Graz study abroad program.

