

Looking for a G.E. Course? (Area C4)

All readings, discussions and lectures in ENGLISH.  
No German language requirement

## German 142:

### “German Folk Literature, Legend and Lore”

Course is a study of the traditional Folk Literature:  
Grimm's Fairy Tales, Folk Tales, Legends, Ballads and Folk Songs of the German speaking people, and their holiday traditions, festivals and social customs.



#### Reading List includes:

Grimms' Fairy Tales

German Festivals and Customs

Volsunga Saga

- 1) What are the origins of the Christmas Tree?
- 2) When does Saint Nikolaus bring presents in Germany?
- 3) What is served at the traditional Christmas Eve feast?
- 4) What were the circumstances of the first performance of the world's favorite Christmas carol, "Silent Night"?
- 5) Who kisses the "Frog Prince"?
- 6) How does Odin's favorite Valkyrie become our beloved "Sleeping Beauty" in fairy tale lore?
- 7) What tragic love stories are interwoven into the legends of the castles of the Rhein?
- 8) Which castles have ghosts that still revisit the Rheinland?
- 9) What are the origins of the curse of the gold on the "Nibelungen" in Richard Wagner's opera cycle?

Answer these questions in Spring 2006!

German 142, MWF 12:00-12:50, Spring 2006