

Beginning German Genealogy

Course Outline

BGGG = Beginner's Guide to Germanic Genealogy

<i>Session</i>	<i>BGGG Readings</i>
1. Introduction to German Genealogy The process of German genealogy Pre-requisites for German research How is German research different? Resources—Books, Periodicals, Internet	Worksheets Getting Started, pp24-31
2. Immigrant Names & Place of Origin Using American Records Using German Records Locating the Place on a Map Print, Historical, and Interactive Maps	Personal Names, pp32-35 Place of Origin, pp36-41
3. Geography & History of German Lands Today vs. German Empire States, Geography, Historical Changes Political Jurisdictions Maps and Gazetteers: Internet & Print	Geography and History, pp42-59
4. Emigration and Immigration Patterns Ports, Geographic Areas Time Periods Records	Emigration and Immigration, pp60-69
5. Just Enough German Language— German Words in Genealogy Records German Words for Books & Internet	Just Enough German Language, pp70-75
6. Decoding Gothic Script Examples & Practice	Gothic Print and Script, pp76-81
7. German Church Records Formats, Time Periods Types, Content, Languages Locating Records	German Church Records, pp82-91
8. Case Studies or Sharing Session	

Getting to Know You

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Name _____

1. Genealogy Experience

How many years have you done **genealogy research**? none 0-1 1-5 5-10 >10

Which types of **US records** have you used?

US Census cemetery birth/death marriage church

Have you used **microfilms**? Y N

Have you used **FHL** microfilms? Y N

(FHL = Family History Library, LDS Church)

Have you researched any **European or British records**? Y N

2. German Genealogy

How many years have you **researched** (in the US or Europe) a German-American ancestor?
 none 0-1 1-5 5-10 >10

Have you used any **German records** (not American)? Y N

If yes, list briefly _____

Do you know any **German** (language)? Y N

If yes, describe briefly (read, speak, etc.) _____

Have you **traveled** in Germany? no once several times

How much do you know about German/European **history** (1800-1913)?

none a little some a lot

List the German **surnames** you are researching or want to research.

If you know the approximate time of immigration (1700s, 1870s, 1900s, etc.), list it.

If you know where this immigrant came from (place of origin), list that too.

<i>Surname</i>	<i>Immigration Date</i>	<i>Place of Origin</i>

3. Internet Use

Do you use web sites on the Internet? Y N

If yes, have you used it for genealogy? Y N

Do you have Internet access at home? Y N

Gothic Script — Sütterlin

Q	q
L	l
L	l
z	z
f	f
f	f
g	g
h	h
j	j
z	z

Q	q
L	l
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Q	q
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Q	q
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Gothic Script and Print Chart

Latin Print and Script	Gothic Print, Fraktur	Gothic Script, Sütterlin
A	A	A
B	B	B
C	C	C
D	D	D
E	E	E
F	F	F
G	G	G
H	H	H
I	I	I
J	J	J
K	K	K
L	L	L
M	M	M
N	N	N
O	O	O
P	P	P
Q	Q	Q
R	R	R
S	S	S
T	T	T
U	U	U
V	V	V
W	W	W
X	X	X
Y	Y	Y
Z	Z	Z

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h	h	h
i	i	i
j	j	j
k	k	k
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q	q	q
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x	x	x
y	y	y
z	z	z

