Syllabus, HU 181

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Write or call to make an appointment, but DO NOT send me your homework by email.

Textbook: REQUIRED: Wie Geht's? Each student is required to bring his or her own book to every class meeting! The workbook and lab manual are not required.

Quizzes will be given at approximately the end of every chapter. Before each quiz, you will be given a detailed Quiz Coverage Sheet that will tell you what material to review. You will also receive a one-page Review Sheet. The quiz average will count for 65% of the grade.

Class Participation: Class participation has several dimensions: attendance (both physical and mental), preparation, and active participation in classroom activities. Each student begins with a class grade of 97.5 and is allowed two unexcused absences over the entire term. After that, 5 points are deducted from the class grade for each additional absence. If you are unprepared for class, 2.5 points will be subtracted from your grade. I check preparation by going around the classroom to check if you have done written out your homework exercises. Also, if you hesitate for too long when called on, you may be deemed unprepared. Or if you are called upon to write a sentence from an exercise on the board, you will be deemed unprepared if you have to take the book and wing it. Students whose class participation is exceptionally good can have points added - for a total of 100.

Language lab work. Two projects will be assigned. due dates to be announced.

Grading system: Quiz (exam, test) average: 65%. Attendance and participation: 20%. Lab grade: 15%. PLEASE NOTE: Students who fail all the exams will also fail the class.

What should go without saying: (Some of Professor Lide's rules for basic classroom etiquette): No gum chewing or smokeless tobacco in class! Also, the classroom is not a lunchroom! Please finish the food or libation of your choice before entering the classroom. Also, no hats will be worn in class. If you believe that you cannot spend four hours a week in this class without a baseball cap or other hat on your head, without chewing gum, and without drinking or eating in class, drop the class now!

Please read -- and heed -- the following paragraph from a letter to the faculty from Martha Janners, Dean of Student Affairs, dated August 28, 1995: "Classroom etiquette: There have been reports from faculty of gradual deterioration of student conduct in class. We will discuss expectations of classroom behavior with entering students. Specifically, we will inform students that they are expected to arrive on time; to remain seated throughout the class period unless moving about is part of the professor's plan for the day; and to refrain from talking, reading newspapers, kissing, or sleeping in class! Please hold students to these expectations. Students will also be informed that faculty have the authority to remove students from courses if their conduct seriously interferes with academic work." (See catalog, p. 12, Dismissal Policy).

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