Syllabus, HU 2282 (German Language and Culture – Level B

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Textbook: REQUIRED: Deutsch, na klar! Each student is required to have his or her own book and bring it to every class meeting!

Quizzes will be given at approximately the end of every chapter. Because we will be having seven long quizzes, there will be no final exam. 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 (either without textbook or without having done the homework, 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.

Grading system: Quiz (written test) average: 65%. Oral exam – at the end of the semester: 15%. Attendance and participation: 20%. PLEASE NOTE: 1) Students who fail all the exams will also fail the class, regardless of attendance and participation.

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 lunch-room! Please finish the food or libation of your choice before entering the classroom. I particularly dislike baseball caps worn in class, especially when they are pulled down over the eyes (Eye contact is very important for communication in a classroom); therefore, baseball caps or other hats with brims will definitely not be allowed in this class. You do not need to have your head covered when you are inside a warm classroom. Also, if you carry a cellular phone, make sure that it is turned off in the classroom! Your classmates do not need to be interrupted by your telephone ringing. Finally, computer games are not allowed in class. You are expected to devote your attention to what is going on in class, not to what is happening on a little screen that you hold in your hand.
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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