The primary goal of this course is to provide opportunities for students to develop proficiency in communicative skills. Students will learn to speak German, understand what is said, read authentic texts and materials and learn to write in German. By the end of the academic year, students should have acquired a degree of competence in the four language skills and familiarized themselves with many aspects of German culture.

1. Aural Comprehension
Students should feel comfortable in a German-speaking environment and be able to understand German that is spoken at moderate conversational speed and that deals with everyday topics.

2. Reading
Students should be able to read non-technical German of basic complexity on various aspects of German culture and life.

3. Speaking
Students should be able to participate in discussions and skits and converse with speakers of German in everyday situations.

4. Writing
Students should be able to write German texts such as short letters, a journal or basic compositions on topics presented in the textbook.
5. Cultural Insights
Students should acquire basic knowledge about the countries where German is spoken and become familiar with cultural similarities and differences between these countries and the United States.

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There will be three primary resources required for this class available in the Language Lab. The first is online access to QUIA. QUIA is an online workbook which accompanies the textbook, Wie geht's?. Access to QUIA is available for purchase online at https://secure.quia.com/servlets/quia.course.ui.registration.PurchaseCourse?bookId=2437 (Course code: WEQRA755). You will also be able to access this online workbook outside of the Language Lab if you have an internet connection. The second resource is the Arbeitsbuch which accompanies the textbook. You may use the Arbeitsbuch in place of the online workbook if you prefer, but the books (there will be two copies) and the accompanying CDs may not leave the lab. The third resource is German Second and Third Years Workbook, which is organized by grammatical concept and will occasionally be required for homework.

In addition to doing their assigned homework, students in my class are expected to spend at least two hours per week practicing German (Audio program, software, online activities, German language tutors, etc.) either in the language lab or at home. Whether for work done at home or in the lab, students must fill out the time sheets available in the lab and turn them in (in the lab) to receive lab credit.

Grading Policy: I DO NOT GRADE ON A CURVE!!!
This term, we will cover Chapters 7 through 13 in the textbook. There will be a test at the end of each chapter and a vocabulary quiz in the middle of each chapter. I will drop the lowest grade of the tests on chapters 7-12 and the lowest grade of all the quizzes. The test on chapter 13 cannot be dropped.

Total points to be earned: 812
    300 points will be based on the written examinations.
    205 points will be earned through active participation.*
    155 points will be based on the homework.
    60 points will be based on the quizzes.
    50 points will be based on a semester project.
    42 points will be based on 28 hours spent in the language lab.

*I will accept up to 5 absences per semester. Every subsequent absence will result in the subtraction of 5 points from the total score. This means a loss of participation points for the day as well as a further subtraction of 5 points.

Final grades will be determined according to the following percentages:
100-90=A 89-85=AB 84-80=B 79-75=BC 74-70=C 69-65=CD 64-60=D
week 1
10-Jan first day of class
12-Jan
14-Jan chapter 7 quiz (10 pts.)

week 2
17-Jan
19-Jan chapter 7 test (50 pts.) last day to drop w/ refund
21-Jan

week 3
24-Jan semester project handout
26-Jan
28-Jan chapter 8 quiz (10 pts.) last day to drop w/ no grade

week 4
31-Jan
2-Feb chapter 8 test (50 pts.)
4-Feb
7-Feb
9-Feb
11-Feb Winter Carnival no class

week 5
14-Feb chapter 9 quiz (10 pts.)
16-Feb
18-Feb chapter 9 test (50 pts.)

week 6
21-Feb
23-Feb
25-Feb chapter 10 quiz (10 pts.)
28-Feb
2-Mar chapter 10 test (50 pts.)
4-Mar rough draft for semester project due (10/50 pts.) last day to drop w/ W
7-Mar Spring Break no class
9-Mar Spring Break no class
11-Mar Spring Break no class

week 7
14-Mar
16-Mar
18-Mar chapter 11 quiz (10 pts.)
21-Mar
23-Mar chapter 11 test (50 pts.)
25-Mar

week 8
28-Mar
30-Mar
1-Apr chapter 12 quiz (10 pts.)
4-Apr
6-Apr chapter 12 test (50 pts.)
8-Apr

week 9
11-Apr
13-Apr
15-Apr chapter 13 quiz (10 pts.)
18-Apr

week 10
20-Apr chapter 13 test (50 pts.)
22-Apr semester project presentations (10/50 pts.) last day of class

NO FINAL!!
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