HU2281 German Language and Culture 1a

Lehrbuch: 1. Wie geht's?
An Introductory German Course. Seventh Edition
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Available in Language Laboratory (114 Walker):
3. Arbeitsbuch to accompany Wie geht's?

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Büro: 331 Walker Arts and Humanities Center
Sprechstunden: Montag 9-10 Uhr
Mittwoch 9-10 Uhr
Donnerstag 10.30-11.30 Uhr
und nach Vereinbarung (by appointment)

Pluspunktabend im Labor: Montag 18 – 19.30 Uhr

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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.
There will be two 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: BCGF634). 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.

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 Schritte through Chapter 6 in the textbook. There will be a test at the end of each chapter (including Schritte) and a vocabulary quiz in the middle of each chapter. I will drop the lowest grade of the tests from Schritte through Chapter 5 and the lowest grade of all the quizzes. The test on chapter 6 cannot be dropped.

**Total points to be earned:** 807

- 300 points will be based on the written examinations.
- 205 points will be earned through active participation.*
- 150 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
9-Jan first day of class
11-Jan Schritt 1
13-Jan Schritt 2

week 2
16-Jan Schritt 3
18-Jan Schritt 4
20-Jan Schritt 5

last day to add w/o penalty

week 3
23-Jan
25-Jan Schritte test (50 pts.)
27-Jan semester project handout

last day to add/drop w/ refund

week 4
30-Jan
1-Feb chapter 1 quiz (10 pts.)
3-Feb

week 5
6-Feb chapter 1 test (50 pts.)
8-Feb
10-Feb Winter Carnival - no class

week 6
13-Feb
15-Feb chapter 2 quiz (10 pts.)
17-Feb

week 7
20-Feb chapter 2 test (50 pts.)
22-Feb
24-Feb

week 8
27-Feb chapter 3 quiz (10 pts.)
1-Mar
3-Mar chapter 3 test (50 pts.)

last day to drop w/ W

6-Mar Spring Break - no class
8-Mar Spring Break - no class
10-Mar Spring Break - no class

week 9
13-Mar
15-Mar
17-Mar rough draft for semester project due (10/50 pts.)

week 10
20-Mar chapter 4 quiz (10 pts.)
22-Mar
24-Mar chapter 4 test (50 pts.)

week 11
27-Mar
29-Mar
31-Mar chapter 5 quiz (10 pts.)

week 12
3-Apr
5-Apr chapter 5 test (50 pts.)
7-Apr

week 13
10-Apr
12-Apr chapter 6 quiz (10 pts.)
14-Apr

week 14
17-Apr chapter 6 test (50 pts.)
19-Apr semester project presentations (10/50 pts.)
21-Apr semester project presentations (10/50 pts.)

last day of class

NO FINAL!!
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**Code:** BCGF634  
**Book(s):** Wie geht's?

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