Michigan Technological University: Herbst 2005
Deutsch HU 3281
Sektion R01 (MTU #82820)
LEVEL II-A GERMAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Kursbeschreibung (Syllabus)

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Sprechstunden: Montag und Mittwoch, 16:05 bis 16:55 Uhr, Freitag 13:05 bis 13:55 Uhr (andere Zeiten nach Vereinbarung)

Lehrbücher:
English-German/German-English dictionary

Willkommen in Houghton!
Ich freue mich, dass Sie an der Technischen Universität Michigan weiter Deutsch lernen möchten.... I am pleased that you are going to continue your study of German and hope that I can help you achieve a reasonable mastery of German during the time allotted this semester.

Course Goals:
Deutsch HU3281 is a continuation of your study of German language and of representative cultural features of the main German-speaking countries. The prerequisite for this course is the successful completion of HU2282 or an equivalent knowledge demonstrated by scoring at least 341 points on the German placement test. By the end of the entire academic year you should have improved your skills in order to:

• feel comfortable in a German-speaking environment
• have a thorough knowledge of German grammar and vocabulary
• read German of an intermediate level of complexity
• participate in discussions and skits
• present your view on subjects of interest
• be more familiar with cultural similarities and differences
• write German texts like a personal letter, a journal, and short compositions.

All work in this course will stress the use of German as a means of communication.
Inhalt und Aufbau des Kurses

The course covers three topics ("Themen") and up to four grammar ("Kapitel") chapters of Ka/eidoskop. During the entire course we will also try to apply newly learned skills by working in small groups (AGs= Arbeitsgruppen). There also will be time for regular slide presentations, German voice and music tapes, as well as videos.

There will be three 45-minute exams, three 20-minute practice quizzes, homework assigned, and two projects ("Sprechsituationen" and "Report"). Grades will be based on written work (40% tests and quizzes, 20% homework), presentations (10% oral report or "Referat," 10% skits or "Sketche"), and oral participation (20%). The regular use of the language laboratory (Walker A&HC, room 114) can earn you bonus points (up to a total of 5%, i.e., 0.5% per hour of lab use, with a 2 hour maximum per week). Oral participation assumes regular attendance in class (you will only earn participation credits for attending at least two thirds of all class meetings).

You are welcome to discuss with me any matters related to the course and your studies. Alles Gute für dieses Frühlingsemester — und viel Spaß!

Orientierungshilfen zum Lernen von Deutsch als Fremdsprache

You will receive a weekly syllabus (Wochenplan) with specific assignments for each class meeting, a general outline of the work to be done in each class and other information that I hope will help you in your work. I suggest that you get a 3-ring binder or a folder to keep your syllabi, corrected written assignments and other materials together.

An important aid in language learning is the language laboratory. The Modern Language Laboratory is located in 114 Walker (tel. 487-3036; e-mail: filconst@mtu.edu). You will be expected to work there each week, using your text-book (and the lab manual) as well as the cassettes, computer programs, and videos that are available there. You should spend between 30 and 45 minutes there each week. Of course, you do not have to do it all in one sitting. In fact, going there several times will be much better. The material available in the language laboratory corresponding to our work-book (Übungsbuch) will be indicated in your weekly syllabi.

The Ka/eidoskop web site at http://college.hmco.com provides web search activities for each Thema and lists additional information about the Thema.

How to Succeed in Learning German

Learning a language is different from study in most other academic areas such as sciences and engineering. It involves both, the comprehension of ideas and the mastery of practical skills (listening, reading, speaking and writing). The latter requires intensive daily practice. Those of you who have learned to play a musical instrument or become proficient at any sport can appreciate that fact — knowing that one will be rewarded with a great feeling of success! Regular attendance in class and regular active participation is a required part of your work. Preparation of each daily assignment in advance of the class meeting, where you will get structured, guided practice in using German, is necessary for your own success in learning as well as for the success of the entire group's working together.

As a rule you will have homework assigned for every class meeting. Written