Deutsch HU 2282
German Language and Culture
Kursbeschreibung (Syllabus)

Dozent: Frau/Mrs. Friederike G.L. Gast
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Zeit: Mon., Wed., Fri., 9:05 am till 9:55 am
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(Es 22 Uhr/Until 10:00 pm)
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Sprechstunden: Tuesday and Thursday, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, or by
appointment/ Dienstag und Donnerstag, 11 bis 13 Uhr
anderen Zeiten nach Vereinbarung

Lehrmaterialien:

Wie geht's: An Introductory German Course. Seventh edition. By Dieter
and Ingrid Sevin. (ISBN: 0-03-035162-6)

English/German Dictionary/Wörterbuch: Deutsch-Englisch/Englisch-Deutsch
(Highly suggested, not required)

Course Goals:

• Good pronunciation and moderate speaking skills
• Good foundation in reading, writing; and grammar
• Exposure to German language, history, and culture
• Build up German vocabulary
• Being able to comprehend what is being said
What is expected of you:

- Attendance is mandatory (Two unexcused absences are permitted, otherwise five points are deducted for each additional unexcused absence)

- To have homework completed when arriving in class (Five points subtracted from class grade each time homework is not prepared)

- To complete all quizzes and exams

- To participate in oral discussions

- To hand in homework that is neat and legible with all exercises written out completely once a week (I will collect it on the day of my choice. This won’t be announced beforehand).

Classroom Rules:

1. When I am speaking, I should only hear the sound of my own voice.

2. You may speak when I am not speaking (Don’t have to raise your hand).

3. You are to remain in your seat unless otherwise directed. If you are ill, have a medical condition (ex. asthma, diabetes, etc.) or need to get a Kleenex, you may get out of your seat.

4. No eating or drinking in classroom.

5. No chewing gum or smokeless tobacco.

6. No hats of any kind.

7. Turn off cell phones unless you have a family member with medical complications or needs, or you are a parent with young children (Please come and talk to me if there are exceptions to
8. To arrive in class on time. If you have to leave early, please let me know ahead of time.

9. No computer games in class.

10. No profanity or inappropriate remarks of any kind.

Basic Class Structure:

The syllabus is a flexible document, which may be changed as we go through the semester. I will give homework during each class period (will be on the board), and I will collect homework once a week on a day of my choosing (won't be announced ahead of time). I will check if homework has been completed during each class period. All quizzes and tests will be announced ahead of time.

I do have some flexibility when it comes to taking exams (ex. If you suffer from dyslexia or have several exams on the same day), and I am happy to reschedule exams for those reasons. All I ask is that you make arrangements with me ahead of time and not on the day of the exam.

Please let me know if you are currently on academic probation or have a learning disability or medical condition of any kind; so that I am accommodate you accordingly. Also, please let me know if you are a UN 1003 student.

Break-down of Grades:

25%=Homework
25%=Class Participation and Attendance
25%=Quizzes
25%=Exams
**Grading Scale:**

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**Extra Credit Possibilities:**

You may go to German Extra Credit evenings that Mr. Austin conducts on Mondays from 6-7:30pm (I don’t know where, but I will let you know). There you will play games or watch videos or listen to music in German. I would be happy to give you five points per evening as long as you have Mr. Austin sign and date a paper stating that you were there (Best to hand me this paper at the class session following the evening).

**Academic Integrity:**

MTU's Academic Integrity Policy defines plagiarism as "knowingly copying another's work and calling it one's own or not giving proper credit or citation." The penalties for plagiarism or other forms of cheating range from receiving a failure grade on work in question to **expulsion from the university**. Students who have any questions about the issue, or who have questions about whether they have cited their sources properly, should consult the instructor or a coach in the Writing Center.

**MTU's Policy on Discrimination and Harassment:**

MTU complies with all federal and state laws regarding discrimination, including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). If you have a disability and need a reasonable accommodation for equal access to education or services at MTU, please call Dr. Gloria Melton, Associate Dean of Students (487-2212). For other concerns about discrimination, you may contact your advisor, department chair, or the Affirmative Action Office (487-3310).
Other opportunities offered by MTU's German Program:

- MTU Minor in German
- MTU International Minor in German
- MTU Certificate in Foreign Language and Area Study
- Advanced Certificate in Foreign Language and Area Study
- Summer Internships for juniors and seniors in German companies and universities
- Graduate Student Exchange with a number of German and Swiss universities