Michigan Technological University: Winter/Frühling 2006
Deutsch HU 2282, Sektion R02
German Lang and Cult
Kursbeschreibung (Syllabus)

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Lehrmaterialien: Wie geht’s?, An Introductory German Course, 8th Edition

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: All four language skills (speaking, listening comprehension, reading and writing) will be taught equally and at the end of the course you should be able to communicate in German using more advanced structures. German culture will also be covered.

All work in this course will stress the use of German as a means of communication.

Inhalt und Aufbau des Kurses

Role-playing, worksheets, perhaps even games and songs will be used in class to emphasize the goals of each chapter. Often there will be pair and group work. The grade will include homework, quizzes and exams, class participation as well as written and oral practice, and at the end, a skit presented to the whole class (more about that later). Since the study of language involves using it frequently, class participation will be extremely important. Oral participation assumes regular attendance in class.

After each chapter, there will be a chapter exam. These are always announced the week before and will always include a review session the class before the exam where I will go over the chapter and answer any questions that you may have. Quizzes will be announced as well. The Workbook and Lab Manual assignments and other homework are due by the beginning of the next class. The language laboratory is an important aid in language learning, therefore you are required to complete language lab assignments on a regular basis. The Modern Language Lab is
located in 114 Walker (tel. 487-3036; e-mail: fllconst@mtu.edu). You should spend as much time as needed to complete the assignments.

Alles Gute für dieses Winter/Frühlingssemester—und viel Spaß!

Orientierungshilfen zum Lernen von Deutsch als Fremdsprache

You will receive a chapter syllabus (Kapitelplan) with the goals for that chapter. I suggest that you get a 3-ring binder or a folder to keep your syllabi, corrected written assignments and other materials together.

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 almost every class meeting. Written assignments are to be submitted at the start of the class period for which they are scheduled. Homework submitted after the start of class will be corrected, but only for half credit. Do not skip class because of less than complete preparation. This will deprive you of essential knowledge and experience that can not be made up.

How much time should you spend studying German? The answer to that depends on many variables, e.g., your background, your native ability, but a good rule of thumb is: one hour (or at the most two hours) outside class for every hour in class. If you spend that amount of time each week, spread over the entire week (not all in one day or during one night before a test!), actively studying (not just sitting there looking at the book!), you should achieve the goals of this course successfully and also be rewarded with a great feeling of intellectual enrichment.

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• German Club: The MTU German Club (presently inactive) is a charter affiliate of the American Association of Students of German.

• 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

German Language Studies as Part of MTU's General Education Requirements (for HU3284 Students)

Students who study a language at MTU may satisfy general education requirements, as well as requirements for the Minor and International Minor in German, the Modern Language and Area Study Certificate and the Advanced Modern Language and Area Study Certificate. Depending on the students' previous exposure to a language, there are four different options. Options for students who placed into third-year German are listed in the following paragraph. See your advisor for further explanation and approval of general education requirements.

Students who place into the third year of German will receive twelve placement credits (HU2281/2, HU3281/2) after completing (with a grade of C or better) one term of third-year German. (Depending on the degree requirements of their major, such placement credit may count as free electives.) Students who complete six credits of third- or fourth-year German can either count these two courses toward the general education distribution requirement, OR they may take UN1003 (one credit hour) instead of the four-credit-hour World Cultures lecture (UN1002) during their first three semesters (i.e., their freshman year and/or the fall of their sophomore year), and count one of the third-year language courses toward the general education distribution requirement. Students may continue with third- and fourth year courses of this language and count this course work toward the general education distribution requirement (up to twelve credit hours).