Instructor Information

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Course Identification

Course Number: HU2282-R01
Course Name: German Language and Culture Level 1b
Course Location: 109 Walker Arts and Humanities Center
Class Times: MWF 11:05am – 11:55am
Prerequisites: none

Course Description/Overview

The emphasis in this course is twofold – building vocabulary and learning and applying grammatical principles. Tests and quizzes will evaluate students’ proficiency in these areas. It is also assumed that by diligent work, students will gain some proficiency. As a result, points are given for homework, attendance, and other work outside of class.

Course Learning Objectives

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 two semesters of German, students should have acquired a degree of competence in the four language skills and familiarized themselves with many aspects of German culture.

Course Resources

Required Course Text

- Arbeitsheft to accompany Deutsch Heute, ISBN 0-618-33831-4
• Multimedia CD-ROM 1.0 to accompany Deutsch Heute, ISBN 0-618-33833-0 (available in the Language Lab – 114 Walker)
• Audio CD Program to accompany Deutsch Heute, ISBN 0-618-34021-1 (available in the Language Lab – 114 Walker)

**Grading Scheme**

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<td>A</td>
<td>90% &amp; above</td>
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<td>AB</td>
<td>85% – 89%</td>
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<td>Very good</td>
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<td>80% – 84%</td>
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<td>75% – 79%</td>
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<td>F</td>
<td>59% and below</td>
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I Incomplete; given only when a student is unable to complete a segment of the course because of circumstances beyond the student’s control. A grade of incomplete may be given only when approved in writing by the DEAN.

X Conditional, with no grade points per credit; given only when the student is at fault in failing to complete a minor segment of a course, but in the judgment of the instructor does not need to repeat the course. It must be made up within the next semester in residence or the grade becomes a failure (F). A (X) grade is computed into the grade point average as a (F) grade.

**Grading Policy**

Grades will be based on the following:

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<th>Component</th>
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<td>Exams (5 exams x 50 points each)</td>
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<td>Active Participation</td>
<td>200</td>
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<td>Homework</td>
<td>160</td>
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<td>Quizzes (4 quizzes x 20 points each)</td>
<td>80</td>
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<td>Semester Project</td>
<td>50</td>
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<td>Time Spend in Language Lab (28 hrs)</td>
<td>42</td>
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<td><strong>Total Points</strong></td>
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**Exams and Quizzes**

This term, we will cover Chapters 5 through 9 in the textbook. There will be an exam at the end of each chapter and a vocabulary quiz in the middle of each chapter. There will be a total of 5 exams (worth 50 points each) and 5 quizzes (worth 20 points each) – the lowest quiz score for each student will be dropped. There will be no final exam.
Participation and Attendance

Students are expected to fully participate in all class activities. Five points will be given per class period based on attendance and full participation. If you are not in class, you cannot receive these 5 points.

Homework

There will be homework assigned nearly every class period. This homework will be turned in and graded. Each assignment will be worth 5 points.

Semester Project

There will be a final project worth 50 points. The rough draft will be due November 14th and will be worth 10 points. The final written product will be worth 20 points and will be due at the end of the semester. Your presentation of your project will be worth 20 points and will take place either December 10th or 12th.

Language Lab

(114 Walker - http://www.hu.mtu.edu/hu_dept/facilities/lang_lab.html)

Forty-two points will be earned based on 28 hours in the Language lab. You must LOG your hours in the language lab and turn them into the consultant. You may not wait until the last 2 weeks to get these hours in.

The language lab is designed to be a resource to help you improve your German skills outside of class time. There are three primary resources in the language lab: (1) the lab consultants, (2) the cds for the workbook, and (3) reference materials. One third of the lab consultants are experts in German, so they are a very valuable resource if you need help studying, with your homework, or just want some conversational practice. YOU WILL NEED TO USE THE LAB FOR SOME OF YOUR ASSIGNMENTS. Also, there are German movies and internet access (for online research/homework/help).

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.

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There will be an extra credit evening every Monday (starting September 8th) from 6pm to 7:30pm. By attending and participating, you can add 5 points per bonus evening to your point total. These will be held in the Language lab. We will play games in German, watch videos in German, listen to music in German, and converse in German. Every attempt must be made to speak in German instead of English.

Late Assignments

I usually accept late homework until the exam for that chapter. For example, homework from Chapter 5 can be submitted until the day of the Chapter 5 exam. After that, no credit will be given.
Collaboration is generally acceptable on homework, but the homework turned in must be the student's own individual work and **may not be copied**. Collaboration on the Semester Project is required. Collaboration on exams and quizzes is not allowed. Cell phones, Blackberries, iPods, PDAs, or any other electronic devices are not to be used in the classroom.
University Policies

Academic regulations and procedures are governed by University policy. Academic dishonesty cases will be handled in accordance the University's policies.

If you have a disability that could affect your performance in this class or that requires an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please see me as soon as possible so that we can make appropriate arrangements. The Affirmative Action Office has asked that you be made aware of the following:

Michigan Tech complies with all federal and state laws and regulations regarding discrimination, including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have a disability and need a reasonable accommodation for equal access to education or services at Michigan Tech, please call the Dean of Students Office, at 487-2212. For other concerns about discrimination, you may contact your advisor, department head or the Affirmative Action Office, at 487-3310

Academic Integrity:
http://www.studentaffairs.mtu.edu/dean/judicial/policies/academic_integrity.html

Affirmative Action:
http://www.admin.mtu.edu/aoa/

Disability Services:
http://www.admin.mtu.edu/urel/studenthandbook/student_services.html#disability

Equal Opportunity Statement:

Course Schedule

Week 1
W 9/3 Course introduction and Chapters 1-4 review
F 9/5

Week 2
M 9/8
W 9/10
*Last day to drop full semester courses with a refund
*Last day to add full semester courses or change a section
F 9/12
**Week 3**  
**M 9/15**  
W 9/17  Chapter 5 Vocabulary Quiz  
F 9/19  

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*Last day to drop full semester courses without a grade appearing on the academic record - No Refund*
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**Week 4**  
**M 9/22**  Chapter 5 Exam  
W 9/24  
F 9/26  

**Week 5**  
**M 9/29**  
W 10/1  
F 10/3  Chapter 6 Vocabulary Quiz  

**Week 6**  
**M 10/6**  
W 10/8  Chapter 6 Exam  
F 10/10  

**Week 7**  
**M 10/13**  
W 10/15  
F 10/17  

**Week 8**  
**M 10/20**  Chapter 7 Vocabulary Quiz  
W 10/22  
F 10/24  Chapter 7 Exam  

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Last day to drop full semester courses with a grade of 'W'
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Week 9
M 10/27
W 10/29
F 10/31

Week 10
M 11/3
W 11/5
F 11/7  Chapter 8 Vocabulary Quiz

Week 11
M 11/10
W 11/12  Chapter 8 Exam
F 11/14  Semester Project Rough Draft due

Week 12
M 11/17
W 11/19
F 11/21

Week 13
M 12/1
W 12/3  Chapter 9 Vocabulary Quiz
F 12/5

Week 14
M 12/8  Chapter 9 Exam
W 12/10  Semester Project Presentations (and course evaluations)
F 12/12  Semester Project Presentations

Finals Week
NO FINAL EXAM