Instructor Information

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Course Identification

Course Number: HU2281-R01
Course Name: German Language and Culture Level 1a
Course Location: 143 Walker Arts and Humanities Center
Class Times: MWF 10:05am – 10:55am
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 students will gain proficiency simply through diligent work. 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)
Grading Scheme

Grading System

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<th>Letter Grade</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>90% &amp; above</td>
<td>4.00</td>
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<td>AB</td>
<td>85% - 89%</td>
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<td>80% - 84%</td>
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<td>75% - 79%</td>
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<td>X</td>
<td>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.</td>
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Grading Policy

Grades will be based on the following:

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<td>Exams (4 exams x 50 points each)</td>
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<td>Active Participation</td>
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<td>Homework</td>
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<td>Quizzes (4 quizzes x 20 points each)</td>
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<td>Semester Project</td>
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<td>Time Spent in Language Lab (28 hrs)</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<td>Total Points</td>
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Exams and Quizzes

This term, we will cover the Einführung (Introduction) through Chapter 4 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 exam and quiz scores for each student will be dropped (except for the Chapter 4 exam). There will be no final exam.

Participation and Attendance

Students are expected to fully participate in all class activities. Seven 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. Additionally, before every Vocabulary Quiz, you will be required to turn in your study materials (flash cards, written out vocab sheet, etc. – whatever you use to study for the quizzes) – these are worth 5 points each.

Semester Project
There will be a final project worth 50 points. The first draft will be due November 20th 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 December 16th or 18th.

Language Lab/HDMZ
(113 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 in to the consultant. You may not log 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, on-line 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.

Pluspunktabend
There will be an extra credit evening every Monday (starting September 14th) from 6pm to 7:30pm. By attending and participating, you can add 5 points per bonus evening to your point total. The location will be announced later. 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 2 can be submitted until the day of the Chapter 2 exam. After that, no credit will be given.

Collaboration/Plagiarism Rules
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
Week 3
M 9/14
W 9/16
F 9/18  Exam for Einführung

Week 4
M 9/21
W 9/23
F 9/25

Week 5
M 9/28  Vocabulary Quiz for Chapter 1
W 9/30
F 10/2

Week 6
M 10/5  Exam for Chapter 1
W 10/7
F 10/9

Week 7
M 10/12
W 10/14
F 10/16  Vocabulary Quiz for Chapter 2

Week 8
M 10/19
W 10/21
F 10/23  Exam for Chapter 2

Week 9
M 10/26
W 10/28
F 10/30
Week 10
M 11/2
W 11/4   Vocabulary Quiz for Chapter 3
F 11/6

Week 11
M 11/9
W 11/11  Exam for Chapter 3
F 11/13

Week 12
M 11/16  First Draft of Semester Project Due
W 11/18
F 11/20

Week 13
M 11/30
W 12/2   Vocabulary Quiz for Chapter 4
F 12/4

Week 14
M 12/7   Exam for Chapter 4
W 12/9   Semester Project Presentations & Instructor evaluations
F 12/11  Semester Project Presentations

NO FINAL!!