Michigan Technological University: Spring 2010

Deutsch HU 2282

LEVEL II-B GERMAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Kursbeschreibung (Syllabus)

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Lehrbücher:


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 HU2282 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 HU2281 or an equivalent knowledge demonstrated 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 introductory 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 four topics ("Themen") and up to four grammar chapters of *Deutsch heute*. 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 several 30-minute exams, a number of short practice quizzes and homework assigned. Grades will be based on written work (50% tests and quizzes, 25% homework), and oral participation (25%).

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

Orientierungshilfen zum Lernen von Deutsch als Fremdsprache

At the end of every class meeting, you will receive specific assignments for the following class meeting. I suggest that you keep a notebook or a folder to keep corrected assignments and tests, as well as any notes taken during class.

The *Deutsch heute* web site at [http://college.hmco.com](http://college.hmco.com) and [http://college.hmco.com/students](http://college.hmco.com/students) provide web search activities for each Thema, grammar exercises and practice tests, 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 any assignment in advance of the class meeting, where you will receive structured, guided practice in using German, is necessary for your own success in learning as well as for the success of the entire group.

When written assignments are due, they 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.

How much time should you spend studying German? The answer to that depends on many variables, for example, your background or your native ability; a good rule of thumb, however, is one hour 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.

Grading Scale:
A 92-100%  
A/B 87-91.9%  
B 82-86.9%  
B/C 77-81.9%  

C 72-76.9%  
C/D 67-71.9%  
D 62-66.9%  
F 0-61.9

Attendance
Attendance is required. Students who miss more than two classes without university-approved excuses will lower their final grade by half a grade; those who miss more than three will lower their grade by a full grade. There will be no passing grade for students who miss more than 30% of classes without university-approved excuses. Excessive tardiness will also result in a grade reduction.

Cell Phone Free Environment
This class room is a "cell phone free environment" from 7:05 to 8:20 p.m.

Please familiarize yourself with the following MTU policies, guidelines, and services:

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

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

Disability Services/MTU's Policy on Discrimination and Harassment:
http://www.admin.mtu.edu/urel/studenthandbook/student_services.html#disability

Equal Opportunity Statement:

This course description can be modified by the instructor. If any such changes are made, you will receive a printed update during our regular class meetings.

Other opportunities offered by MTU's German Program

- German Club: The MTU German Club (presently re-established) is a charter affiliate of the American Association of Students of German.