Course Syllabus
HU2281 - German Language and Culture Level 1a
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Course Identification
Course Number: HU2281-R01
Course Name: German Language and Culture Level 1a
Course Location: 109 Walker Arts and Humanities Center
Class Times: MTWTh 9:35am – 10:50am
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
- Student Activity Manual to accompany Deutsch Heute, ISBN 0-547-18124-8
- Multimedia CD-ROM 1.0 to accompany Deutsch Heute, ISBN 0-618-33833-0
- Audio CD Program to accompany Deutsch Heute, (available in the Language Lab – 143 Walker)
Grading Scheme

Grading System

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<td>90% &amp; above</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><strong>Total Points</strong></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 7 points.
Homework
There will be homework assigned nearly every class period. This homework will be turned in and graded. Each assignment will be worth 7 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 June 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 June 24th.

Language Lab
(143 Walker - http://hdmz.hu.mtu.edu)
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).

Pluspunktabend
There may be extra credit evenings on Mondays (This depends. By attending and participating, you can add 5 points per bonus evening to your point total. 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 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.
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/aae/

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

Equal Opportunity Statement:

Course Schedule

Week 1
M 5/10  Course introduction
T 5/11
W 5/12
Th 5/13  Vocabulary Quiz for Einführung

Week 2
M 5/17
T 5/18  Exam for Einführung
W 5/19
Th 5/20
**Week 3**  
M 5/24  Vocabulary Quiz for Chapter 1  
T 5/25  
W 5/26  Exam for Chapter 1  
Th 5/27  

**Week 4**  
M 5/31  NO CLASS – Memorial Day  
T 6/1  
W 6/2  Vocabulary Quiz for Chapter 2  
Th 6/3  

**Week 5**  
M 6/7  Exam for Chapter 2  
T 6/8  
W 6/9  
Th 6/10  Vocabulary Quiz for Chapter 3  

**Week 6**  
M 6/14  First draft for Semester Project due  
T 6/15  Exam for Chapter 3  
W 6/16  
Th 6/17  

**Week 7**  
M 6/21  Vocabulary Quiz for Chapter 4  
T 6/22  
W 6/23  Exam for Chapter 4  
Th 6/24  Semester Project Presentations  
F 6/25  NO FINAL EXAM