Deutsch

Lev I-A German Lang and Cult

HU 2281

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Kursbeschreibung
(Syllabus)

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Classroom: Fisher Hall, Room 0127
Class Time: Monday, Wednesday, Friday; 11:05 am – 11:55 am
Office: Walker Arts and Humanities Center, Room 312
Office Hours: Wednesday, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
(please make an e-mail appointment each Wednesday until 5 pm before you visit !)

Textbook:

Deutsch heute. Moeller, Adolph, Hoecherl, Alden, Berger. 9th edition
Arbeitshelf Deutsch heute, Simone Berger, Jack Moeller. 9th edition
(Workbook)

Willkommen!

Ich freue mich, dass Sie an der Technischen Universität Michigan Deutsch lernen möchten.... I am pleased that you are going to study 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 using basic German. German culture will also be covered.
All work in this course will stress the use of German as a means of communication.

Course Outline
Role-playing, worksheets, etc. 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 from the Workbook, quizzes and exams, class participation as well as written and oral practice. 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 and will include a review session the class before the exam where I will go over the chapter and answer any questions that you may have. The Workbook assignment is due by the beginning of class of the review session. Other homework may also be assigned during the study of each chapter.

*Alles Gute für dieses Frühlingssemester – und viel Spaß!*

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 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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Quiz dates: TBA

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 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 11:05 to 11:55 a.m. Students who use their cell phones during class will lower their final grade by half a grade.

Academic Integrity

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.

MTU’s Policy on Discrimination and Harassment

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

This course description and all schedules are tentative and may be changed. 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.
- 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
- Student Exchange with a number of German and Swiss universities
- Summer Internships for juniors and seniors in German companies and universities

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**Study Abroad in Dortmund/Germany**

*Semester or Year Abroad in Germany’s Metropolitan Heartland*

The Dortmund Experience is a unique exchange program with a select number of American colleges and universities (including MTU). Located at the heart of one of the most progressive educational and commercial regions in Germany, the Ruhrgebiet, TU Universität Dortmund offers the American student an unparalleled cultural and academic year or semester abroad.

*The University*

The TU Universität Dortmund is a young university founded in the late 1960s. The programs are innovative and interdisciplinary. There are a large number of international students who add to the exciting atmosphere on campus. In fact, some 1,500 of the 24,000 students are degree-seeking students from abroad. The TU Dortmund has sixteen schools offering exceptional study and training opportunities in the natural sciences, technology, economics and business administration, education and special education, social sciences, theology, the humanities, and journalism.

*Accommodation and Expenses*

The program operates on the principle of **direct exchange** at no additional cost for the incoming student. You remain registred at your own university and receive student status at TU Dortmund. TU Dortmund staff will find inexpensive housing for you-in a dorm room, a single room in an apartment shared with other students (Wohngemeinschaft), or with a family. The university has a cafeteria that offers students subsidized food; health insurance is inexpensive; and your student ID serves as a **free ticket** for public transportation in the whole state of North Rhine-Westphalia. On the whole, you will find that studying in Dortmund is very affordable. Average expenses (per month):

- Accomodation 200 $  
- Food 250 $  
- Health Insurance 70 $  
- Incidentals 150 $  
- Books 100 $
The City

Dortmund is a city of 600,000 people, the sixth largest in Germany, whose origins date back to 890 A.D. It is a modern center of business, high technology, and culture. In many ways, Dortmund’s international population and blend of old and new introduce the visitors to everyday life in twenty-first century Germany. Because the city is located off the beaten path of the tourist itinerary, and due to the region’s multicultural population, The Dortmund Experience encourages a second look at what is stereotypically “German”.

The Region

Because TU Dortmund students receive free transportation they can explore a large metropolitan area offering many exciting cultural amenities—museums, galleries, and theaters featuring classical as well as avant-garde art and performances. More than five million people live in the Ruhrgebiet’s 53 cities, which include Dortmund, Bochum, Essen, and Dortmund. The great cities of Köln (Cologne) and Düsseldorf are nearby, as are the vineyards of the Rhine Valley. The well-kept metro network, free to students, makes travel a convenient connection to the whole area. Former industrial sites have been turned into major centers of contemporary music and arts. The Ruhr has thus retained its characteristic regional identity while developing a new face influenced by the proximity of neighboring Belgium, France, and the Netherlands, and by decades of immigration from all parts of Europe. The region is also a major hub of train traffic. Field trips to adjacent countries as well as to Southern and Eastern Europe are just an inexpensive train ticket away.

Further Information

For further information you can ask me (Ertugrul Besparmak).

For information on the university and the city of Dortmund please visit:

TU Dortmund: www.tu-dortmund.de
TU Dortmund International Office: www.aaa.tu-dortmund.de
City of Dortmund: www.dortmund.de

Ask your university (IPS) for details on the direct exchange program with Dortmund.