Michigan Technological University: Sommer 2013
Deutsch HU 2281, Sektion R01 (Online Class)
German Lang and Cult
Kursbeschreibung (Syllabus)

Please note that HU2281 (German IA) is for students who have never had German before and are true beginners. If you have had German before, you must take the Placement Test to see which class you should be in.

Dozent: Frau Prof. Karin B. Schlenker

Zeit: Montag, Dienstag, Mittwoch, Donnerstag
July 1st – August 15th

Lehrmaterialien: Deutsch Heute, 10th edition

There are two options to purchase the textbook.

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1) If you would like to purchase a hard copy of the textbook, packaged with the iLrn access card, which gives you access to the Workbook and Lab manual which you need, you would search ISBN: 9781133218784. This includes the ebook. A hardcopy of the textbook will be shipped to you and you will have access to the Workbook and Lab online.

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No. 2 is the cheaper option, but you won’t have the physical book. The access code is good for 18 months, so if you continue on with IB and IC you won’t have to buy a new book and/or access code.

You will need a speaker and a microphone to complete the speaking and listening tasks. Please check if they are working before the first day of class so you won’t run into problems.

Course Goals: At the end of the online German IA class, you should be able to use basic structures to communicate in German. All four language skills – speaking (although understandably limited), listening comprehension, writing and reading will be covered. Culture will also be covered.

Inhalt und Aufbau des Kurses

We will not meet at any set time everyday. Since this an online class, it would be hard to sync our schedules. Classes meet Monday – Thursday from July 1st until August 15th. On the 4th of July there will be no class. You must sign in every class day, Monday through Thursday.

Since this is an online foreign language class, it will be taught differently from the way it would be taught in the physical classroom. The online class will require much more discipline on the part of
the student. There will be very little interaction between the student and myself. The only time I will be actually speaking with you will be at the end of each chapter for the Oral part of the exam. Therefore, the student will be responsible for making sure they spend adequate time practicing and studying the structures on their own. However, if you would like extra practice, you can arrange that with me.

Students will be required to complete daily assignments as well as homework assignments. I suggest spending at least 75 minutes on the daily assignments and at least another 60-75 minutes on homework assignments. The daily assignments consist of writing as well as speaking and listening exercises. There will be discussion questions about culture. A microphone and speakers are required to do the speaking exercises. Most computers have a built in speaker and microphone, but if yours does not, you can purchase one for a fairly inexpensive price.

The majority of the assignments are found on the iLrn website, however I will also post my own assignments on Canvas. For both daily assignments and homework due on the iLrn website you will be given three tries to get your answers correct. You will have until 11:59 pm of the day that daily assignments and homework are due to get them in. A link for the iLrn website will be on Canvas on the Syllabus page.

Quizzes and Exams will be done on Canvas. These will be time limit. You have until 11:59 pm on the day they are due to get these in.

We will be covering from the Einführung (Introduction) through Chapter 4 in IA. You will receive a chapter plan for each chapter, which is a brief overview of what is covered each day. The daily assignments and homework due will be posted on Canvas. After each chapter, you will have an Oral Exam where you will set up a time with me and you and I will actually speak (answering and asking questions). I will send you the questions in advance so you can study for this part of the exam. At the very end, there will be a Final Oral Exam, which encompasses questions from the entire semester.

**Grading Scale:**

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**Tentative Exam and Quiz Schedule (Instructions for the exams will be given to you on Canvas):**

**Exams consist of an Oral section and a Written section, to be given on different days.**

**Oral Section:**

- Einführung: July 9th
- Kapitel 1: July 17th
- Kapitel 2: July 25th
- Kapitel 3: August 5th
- Kapitel 4: August 14th

**Written Section:**
It is imperative that you do your own work on exams and quizzes without any help from others. The quantity of time you have to complete exams and quizzes will be limited so you must study ahead of time.

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Academic Integrity
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Student work products (exams, essays, projects, etc.) may be used for purposes of university, program, or course assessment. All work used for assessment purposes will not include any individual student identification.

This course description and all schedules are tentative and may be changed. If any such changes are made, you will receive notification via email.