Deutschkurs HU 2281, Niveau 1A
German Language and Culture

Kursbeschreibung (Syllabus)

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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. Information about German culture will also be covered.

Inhalt und Aufbau des Kurses

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, 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 an exam. The exams will be taken in class. They may include written and oral components. Exams are always announced at least two weeks before and the dates given below are tentative.

There will be Quizzes, too, which will be announced early enough.

The homework is due by the beginning of class. It will be corrected in class.

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. The latter requires intensive daily practice. Regular attendance in class and regular active participation is 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 almost every class meeting. Written assignment are to be submitted at the start of the class period for which they are scheduled. Do not skip class, because of less than complete preparation.

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, actively studying, you should achieve the goals of this course successfully and also be rewarded with a great feeling of intellectual enrichment.

**Grading Scale**

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**Exam Schedule (tentative!):**

Exam #1: 2/3

Exam #2: 2/24

Exam #3: 3/24

Exam #4: 4/28

**Quiz Schedule:** Will be announced early enough.

**Grade**

4 Exams: 50 %

Homework: 35 %

Participation: 15 %

**Attendance**

Attendance is required. Students are allowed two absences. Your final participation grade will be lowered by 5 points for each additional unexcused absence.

**Other opportunities offered by MTU's German Program**

- German Club
- MTU Minor in German
- MTU International Minor in German
- MTU Certificate in Foreign Language and Area Study
- Summer Internships for juniors and seniors in German companies and universities
– Graduate Student Exchange with a number of German and Swiss universities

**Collaboration/ Plagiarism Rules**

Specific course rules or policies regarding collaboration on graded academic exercises. Cell phones, Blackberries, iPods, PDAs, or any other electronic devices are not to be used in the classroom. Information exchanges on these devices during class are also prohibited and violate the Academic Integrity Code of Michigan Tech.

**University Policies**

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.

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