Michigan Technological University: Frühling 2014  
Deutsch  HU 3283, Sektion R01  
German Lang and Culture  

Kursbeschreibung (Syllabus)

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<th>Dozent:</th>
<th>Frau Prof. Karin B. Schlenker</th>
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<td>Lehraum:</td>
<td>Walker 109</td>
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<td>Zeit:</td>
<td>Dienstag/Donnerstag 9:35 – 10:50 am</td>
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<td>Büro:</td>
<td>Walker Arts and Humanities Center, Zimmer 336</td>
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<td>Sprechstunden:</td>
<td>Dienstag 11:00 Uhr bis 12:00 Uhr, andere Zeiten nach Vereinbarung</td>
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<td>Pre-requisite</td>
<td>HU 3282 or placement score between 421 and 520</td>
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Lehrbücher:  

Required:  


*English-German/German-English dictionary*

Recommended, but not required:  

*English Grammar for Students of German*, 4th edition  

501 German Verbs, 4th edition

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 to continue to achieve a reasonable mastery of German during the time allotted this semester.

Course Goals:  

*Deutsch HU3283* is a continuation of your study of the German language and of representative cultural features of the main German-speaking countries. Concentration in this course will be on sharpening your writing and speaking skills. The goals of this course are to:

1. feel more comfortable in a German-speaking environment  
2. have a better knowledge of German grammar and vocabulary  
3. read German of an advanced intermediate level of complexity  
4. participate in discussions and skits  
5. present your view on a variety of subjects  
6. be more familiar with cultural similarities and differences  
7. be able to write longer German texts like a personal letter, a journal, and compositions.

All work in this course will stress the use of German as a means of communication.
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
depive 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.

Grading Scale:

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Tentative Test Schedule (All Exams will be take-home and are due by the
date and time indicated)

Kapitel 8: February 13th (due Monday, February 18th by 2:00 pm)
Kapitel 9: March 25th (due Friday, March 28th by 2:00 pm)
Kapitel 10: April 24th (due Monday, April 18th by 2:00 pm)

Quizzes to be announced.

Due dates for Aufsätze to be announced.

Grade:

- 3 Exams @ 10% each = 30%
- 3 Quizzes @ 5% each = 15%
- 3 Aufsätze @ 5% each = 15%
- Homework @ 5% each = 15%
- Classwork 5%
- Participation 10%
- Oral Exam 10%

Attendance

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

Cell Phone and Lap Top Free Environment

This class room is a cell phone and lap top free environment from 9:35 – 10:50 a.m.
The only time I allow laptops is if you need them for something you'll be doing for this
class. If this is the case, please let me know ahead of time. Please make sure all cell
phones are on the off position before coming to class.