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## **German 1A**

4 units, schedule no. MWF 7:45-8:50 in FFS 315  
75195  
German web site: <http://www.csufresno.edu/forlang/german>

### **Prerequisites:**

No prerequisites.

### **Course Description and Goals:**

- 1) Be able to satisfy immediate needs and "survive" basic everyday situations in German, to actively engage in understandable German inter-communication in dealing with basic questions and answers, and to read and write basic prose.
- 2) Pronounce, understand, and use correctly simple German in reading, speaking, comprehension, and writing. Main structural concepts will be introduced and practiced.
- 3) Gain an appreciation for some of the communalities and differences between German and American culture and between the German and English languages.
- 4) Gain an appreciation for the monumental achievements of German, Austrian and Swiss culture in the fields, for example, of literature, theater, art, music, philosophy, science.
- 5) The mode of instruction is basically intense, guided practice with the language.

*General Goal for GE, Area C2: Humanities is:* Through the study of the humanities, to understand, appreciate, and analyze the meaning of our civilization, its cultural background, and the nature and role of language. To study the humanities from a variety of historical perspectives and cultures by analyzing individual works. (*CSUF GE policy*)

*According to CSUF GE policy, students completing courses in Area C2 will be able to:*

1. Use understanding of the humanities (Literature, Philosophy, Foreign Language) to explain, appreciate, and analyze the meaning of our civilization, its cultural background, and the nature and role of language.
2. Study the humanities (Literature, Philosophy, Foreign Language) from a variety of historical perspectives and cultures by analyzing individual works.
3. Accomplish at least one of the following:
  - \_ Relate the development of contemporary civilization to the historical antecedents of the humanities (Literature, Philosophy, Foreign Language), or
  - \_ Reflect critically and systematically on questions concerning beliefs, values and the nature of existence; or
  - \_ Apply literary criticism to various types and styles of literature from a variety of historical perspectives and cultures
  - \_ Listen, speak, read, and write a language other than English within a cultural and artistic context.
4. Students will respond subjectively as well as objectively to experience and will develop a sense of the integrity of emotional and intellectual response.
5. Students will cultivate intellect, imagination, sensibility, and sensitivity.

### **Textbooks:**

- 1) Moeller, Jack, Winnifred R. Adolph, et al. Deutsch Heute: Grundstufe. Boston, Toronto: Houghton Mifflin, 8th ed. 2005.
- 2) Berger, Simone, Jack Moeller, et al. Deutsch Heute: Grundstufe. Arbeitsheft: Workbook/Lab Manual/Video Workbook. Boston, Toronto: Houghton Mifflin, 8th ed. 2005.
- 3) Audio Program, either CDs or Cassettes (Deutsch Heute: Grundstufe. Audio Cassettes, Part II: Kapitel 7-14.) Boston, Toronto: Houghton Mifflin, 8th ed. 2005.
- 4) refer to [http://college.hmco.com/languages/german/deutsch\\_heute/index.html](http://college.hmco.com/languages/german/deutsch_heute/index.html) for further on-line materials.

## Grading:

Class participation:	discussion, preparation, oral and written work, quizzes, etc.	40%
Tests:		40%
Final examination:		20%

## Office Hours:

Mon: 10-12; 1-2  
Wed, Fri: 10-11  
*and by appointment*

## Final Examination:

Wednesday, December 19  
from 8:45-10:45  
in our regular classroom

## Grading Scale:

A	90-100;	B	80-89;	C	70-79
D	60/69;	F	55;	no show/work	45

(Failure to attend class and participate in an informed fashion will lower your grade significantly. Late work will be docked. Attendance at the scheduled final examination is mandatory. Please refer to University policies on conduct, especially cheating, plagiarism, and behavior in the current Catalogue and the Schedule of Classes [e.g., "Legal Notices"] and recall the University Honor Code: "Members of the CSU Fresno academic community adhere to principles of academic integrity and mutual respect while engaged in university work and related activities.")

## Course Structure

Using the textbook as a guide, we will proceed through the "Einführung" and the first 6 chapters, thus spending approximately 2 weeks on each unit; after each unit there will be a chapter test covering speaking, listening, reading, writing and culture. There will be several writing assignments in English as well as in German; much of the writing (well in excess of the GE requirement of 1000 words of connected discourse) will consist of projects related to the various weekly topics. Attendance is mandatory as well as prudent. Generally late work or make-up exams will only be accepted if there is a doctor's excuse. One may (with the instructor's permission) use tape recorders to record class material for one's own, personal use (or that of one classmate). Electronic devices such as CD players, pagers, beepers, cell phones, etc. must be turned off or not brought into class. The pace will be fast, and you will learn a lot of German!

Note: If you have special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and need course materials in alternative formats, notify me immediately. I will be pleased to make reasonable efforts to accommodate your special needs.

Finally, as Rabby Burns has said, "the best laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft a-gley" (go oft awry), so I reserve the right to change the syllabus according to the demands and exigencies of the semester.

## Hausaufgaben (Homework)

I shall usually hand out the answers to the homework. Your job is to correct your own homework (or that of a buddy) in a contrasting color other than red. I will then collect the homework and do spot checking, as well as answer any particular questions you might make me aware of. I get to use the red :-). The homework (taken all together) counts as a chapter test.

Of course, if you have a question about the homework, please feel free to ask in class. Be sure to mark the things you want to ask about so that when I solicit questions you will be able to find it fast.

List of CSU, Fresno, German Courses for this semester: <http://www.csufresno.edu/forlang/german/courses>