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German 1B

4 units, satisfies GE, Area C2 (new) or div 7 (old) requirement
schedule no. 35765
MWF 7:45-8:50
in FFS 317
German web site: <http://www.csufresno.edu/forlang/german>

Prerequisites:

German 1A, one year of high school German, or the consent of the instructor.

Course Description and Goals:

- 1) Be able to "survive" courteously everyday situations in German, actively create effective sentences, questions and answers, understand the responses, read plain prose, and write clear short expository pieces.
- 2) Pronounce, understand, and use correctly mildly complicated 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. (packet with workbook & CDs)
- 2) refer to http://college.hmco.com/languages/german/deutsch_heute/index.html for further on-line materials.
- 3) German 2B course packet (answers to exercises and vocabulary, etc.) in the Kennel Bookstore

Grading:

Class participation:	
discussion, preparation,	
quizzes, etc.	40%
Tests:	40%
Final examination:	20%

Office Hours:

Mon., Wed., Fri. 10-12;
Mon. 13-14
and by appointment

Grading Scale:

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

Final Examination:

Wednesday, May 14,
from 8:45-10:45
in our regular classroom

(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 particularly 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

As we review facets of German 1A, the class will begin with Unit 6 in Deutsch Heute and proceed to finish the book, spending about two weeks on each unit and taking a chapter test before going on to the next unit. 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. 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 :-).

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.