

## **German One-Germ 1301 (ONLINE)**

### **University of Texas at El Paso, Department of Language and Linguistics**

CRN: 14865 (TR 12-1:20pm)

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**Office Hours:** [Virtually via zoom](#) by appointment

### **Textbooks and Materials:**

Required:

Treffpunkt Deutsch Grundstufe, 7th edition by Gonglewski, Moser, Partsch, Widmaier, Widmaier, Pearson as well as access to My German Lab online, available in the UTEP Bookstore and online.

If you purchase the My German Lab access code it will include the online version of the book, which will be fine for this class, you do **not** need to purchase a hard copy of the textbook.

If you go directly to Pearson and buy the online access code from the website it will be called MyLab German Treffpunkt Deutsch Grundstufe 7e by Gonglewski, Moser, Partsch

The course in the mylab German is called German one-14865 Fall 2020  
the course id is: CRSKLCJ-812678

### **Course Content:**

Students will be exposed to a beginner's level of German. This includes an introduction to German grammar, speaking, reading, listening, and writing skills. We will cover a first introduction as well as chapter's one through three in the textbook.

### **Learning Outcomes:**

The course will focus on building verbal and written German skills and reading as well as listening comprehension skills. Students will be immersed into the culture of the German-speaking world and will learn to communicate authentically at a beginner's level. Furthermore, students

should be able to read easy non-technical German and to write simple sentences.

Learning goals:

Erste Kontakte: Will cover vocabulary to greet others, introduce oneself and make phone calls. In addition to that the alphabet and numbers from 0 to 1000 will be introduced.

Chapter 1: Covers vocabulary to talk about: the weather and the seasons, student life, everyday objects and activities, colors and nationality.

Grammar concepts covered are gender of nouns, ein and kein and their position in a sentence, personal pronouns as well as the present tense of sein.

Chapter 2: Topics covered in this chapter are friends, hobbies and leisure time activities, clothing and possessions, as well as expressing likes, dislikes, telling time and describing people, places, and things. The verb haben will be introduced and the nominative case.

Chapter 3: The content covers vocabulary to talk about family, shopping, everyday objects, occupations and expressing preferences and favorites. The accusative case, as well as verbs with stem changing stems will be introduced as new grammar concepts.

Requirements & Policies:

Attendance in live online classes, weekly activities and homework completion are an important part of the class and not optional.

If you are forced to miss our online class please contact me about your absence as early as possible. Of course I understand that unexpected situations can arise at any time but I do think it is very important to participate as much as possible during live online classes. Recordings of the live classes will be made available for you in case that you missed a session. I am also available to talk with you individually in order to clarify information and answer questions.

Homework assignments are scheduled for each day that classes are in session (MWF) and due at midnight on the day scheduled. Please see the MyGerman lab for the homework assignments. Only partial credit is given for late homework. You will have access to late assignments but please communicate with me if you have trouble completing your work. I am happy to assist you with any questions you might have about the homework.

Cheating/Plagiarism:

Cheating is unethical and not acceptable. Plagiarism is using information or original wording in a paper without giving credit to the source of that information or wording: it is also not acceptable. Do not submit work under your name that you did not do yourself. You may not submit work for this class that you did for another class. If you are found to be cheating or plagiarizing, you will be subject to disciplinary action, per UTEP catalog policy. Refer to <http://www.utep.edu/dos/acadintg.htm> for further information.

**Disabilities statement:**

Disabilities: Any reasonable accommodations for students with limitations due to disabilities, including learning disabilities will be made. Please see me before or after class in the first two weeks or make an appointment, to discuss any special needs you might have. If you have a documented disability and require specific accommodations, you will need to contact the Disabled Student Services Office in the East Union Bldg., Room 106 within the first two weeks of classes. The Disabled Student Services Office can also be reached in the following ways:

Web: [www.sa.utep.edu/cass](http://www.sa.utep.edu/cass)

Phone: (915) 747-5148 voice or TTY

Fax: (915) 747-8712

E-Mail: [cass@utep.edu](mailto:cass@utep.edu)

**Grading Scale:**

My German lab	40%
Weekly class activities	40%
Online class Participation & attendance	20%

A 100-90   B 89-80   C 79-70   D 69-60   F 59-00

**TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS**

Course content is delivered via the Internet through the Blackboard learning management system. Ensure your UTEP e-mail account is working and that you have access to the Web and a stable web browser. Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox are the best browsers for Blackboard; other browsers may cause complications. When having technical difficulties, update your browser, clear your cache, or try switching to another browser.

You will need to have access to a computer/laptop, a webcam, and a microphone.

If you do not have a word-processing software, you can download Word and other Microsoft Office programs (including Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and more) for free via UTEP's Microsoft Office Portal. Click the following link for more information about [Microsoft Office 365](#) and follow the instructions.

**IMPORTANT:** If you encounter technical difficulties beyond your scope of troubleshooting, please contact the UTEP [Help Desk](#) as they are trained specifically in assisting with technological needs of students. Please do not contact me for this type of assistance. The Help Desk is much better equipped than I am to assist you!

## **NETIQUETTE**

As we know, sometimes communication online can be challenging. It's possible to miscommunicate what we mean or to misunderstand what our classmates mean given the lack of body language and immediate feedback. Therefore, please keep these netiquette (network etiquette) guidelines in mind. Failure to observe them may result in disciplinary action.

- Always consider audience. This is a college-level course; therefore, all communication should reflect polite consideration of other's ideas.
- Respect and courtesy must be provided to classmates and to the instructor at all times. No harassment or inappropriate postings will be tolerated.
- When reacting to someone else's message, address the ideas, not the person. Post only what anyone would comfortably state in a face-to-face situation.
- Blackboard is not a public internet venue; all postings to it should be considered private and confidential. Whatever is posted on in these online spaces is intended for classmates and professor only. Please do not copy documents and paste them to a publicly accessible website, blog, or other space.

## **EXCUSED ABSENCES AND/OR COURSE DROP POLICY**

I will not drop you from the course. However, if you feel that you are unable to complete the course successfully, please let me know and then contact

the [Registrar's Office](#) to initiate the drop process. If you do not, you are at risk of receiving an "F" for the course.

## CLASS RECORDINGS

The use of recordings will enable you to have access to class lectures, group discussions, and so on in the event you miss a synchronous or in-person class meeting due to illness or other extenuating circumstance. Our use of such technology is governed by the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and UTEP's acceptable-use policy. A recording of class sessions will be kept and stored by UTEP, in accordance with FERPA and UTEP policies. Your instructor will not share the recordings of your class activities outside of course participants, which include your fellow students, teaching assistants, or graduate assistants, and any guest faculty or community-based learning partners with whom we may engage during a class session. **You may not share recordings outside of this course.** Doing so may result in disciplinary action.