

German 2301 - German Three - Fall 2016

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Final Exam: Fri. December 9, 2015, 10:00AM - 12:45 PM

Textbooks & Materials:

Required:

1. Treffpunkt Deutsch by Widmeier (5th edition). (Prentice Hall)
2. Treffpunkt Deutsch - Student Activities Manual by Widmeier, Prentice Hall.
Book and Student Activities Manual are available at Amazon.com

Strongly Recommended:

A good bilingual dictionary (English-German/German-English). Langenscheidt is a good one.
An e-mail account, for communication outside of the University.

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Course Content:

German listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills to include gender, pronouns, definite and indefinite articles, word order, nominative, accusative and dative cases, conversational and simple past tense, and communication on an advanced level. A study of German history and culture supports the language study. It is assumed that students have learned and retained the skills presented in Ch. 1-6. If not, **review and relearn!**

General Course Objectives:

At the end of the semester students should be able to manipulate structure and vocabulary in order to communicate orally and in writing using German in more complex situations. You should be able to conjugate verbs in the present and past tenses and you will be able to use nominative, accusative, dative, and genitive cases in order to construct proper German sentences. We will learn the perfect tense, past tense, two-way prepositions, the genitive case, reflexive pronouns and verbs, relative pronouns and relative clauses. Additional skills will include proper pronunciation, correct word order and idioms.

We will complete Chapters 7 through 9 in Treffpunkt Deutsch.

Teaching Methods and Techniques:

This course is based upon your oral, reading, and written proficiency. Texts and classroom instruction include vocabulary and grammar drills/exercises, emphasizing communicative activities. Writing and reading exercises from the textbook and the workbook will also be used to reinforce and enhance the learning process and course objectives. Testing will include oral and aural comprehension, analysis of language structure, reading comprehension, and writing competency. Students should overcome any aversion to repetition

Students should memorize the 2 vocabulary lists in each chapter.

We will memorize a poem: Die Loreley by Heinrich Heine, write poetry, and make a film, time permitting.

Requirements & Policies:

1. **ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION: DAILY ATTENDANCE and ACTIVE PARTICIPATION** in all aspects of the course is expected. Due to the large amounts of skills development built into this course, students must be diligent about class attendance. It will be impossible to recover lost class time because such skills are developed during time spent in class. When you are absent you are missing your oral practice, your class participation, your preparations for, and a thorough understanding of, composition assignments and chapter tests, quizzes as well as valuable information given during the class period. **The best policy for you is to strive for perfect attendance.** However, if you are forced to miss class because of 1) a death in the family 2) jury duty 3) illness 4) official UTEP business, you are expected to contact me about your absence as early as possible. In order for these absences not to count as unexcused, you must bring proper documentation. You are to give me a copy for my records. **Class starts at 10:30, not 10:35 or 10:40. Latecomers may enter the classroom quietly, but will be regarded as absent.**

2. **HOMEWORK:** Homework assignments are due on the day scheduled. Should you miss class on any given day, you are still expected to turn in your homework for that day. **No credit is given for late assignments.** Make sure you complete homework assignments, which will allow for better communicative work in the classroom.

3. **EXAMS & ORAL EXAMS:** Tests must be taken with the class. **There will be no make-ups.** The chapter tests (3) will include listening comprehension, grammar, and reading comprehension. One comprehensive final examination will be administered.

4. **CELL PHONES:** Please turn off your cell phones. NO TEXTING!!!

5. **ACADEMIC HONESTY:** Cheating on examinations, plagiarism, and copying the works of others are all serious offenses at UTEP. **Anyone caught cheating will risk immediate failure in this course and disciplinary consequences through the Dean of Students.**

6.	<i>Grading:</i>		<i>Grading scale:</i>
	1. Chapter tests	20%	A 100-90
	2. Final exam	25%	B 89-80
	3. Attendance/Class Work/ Participation	40%	C 79-70
	4. Homework, Workbook, oral competence	15%	D 69-60 F 59-0

Please note:

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your class work, please see me as early as possible.

BTW: Office hours should NOT be misused as tutoring sessions. The instructor will give as much outside help as reasonable, but he is not a tutor.

Your instructor is NOT a life coach; if you need to be reminded about your assignments or procedures, do not contact your instructor - Enlist the aid of a reliable fellow student.