

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

GERMAN 2040

General Information

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK PACKAGE (including iLrn):

Moeller, Adolph, Hoecherl-Alden, & Berger. Deutsch heute. (9th ed.) Heinle.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK PACKAGE (including the WORKBOOK):

Augustyn and Euba. Stationen: Ein Kursbuch für die Mittelstufe. (2nd ed.) Heinle.

Felix. Mord auf dem Golfplatz. Langenscheidt.

OPTIONAL GRAMMAR AID: Zorach & Melin, English Grammar for Students of German also available at the UNT bookstore.

COURSE Prerequisite

The prerequisite for this course is the successful completion of German 1020 or the equivalent.

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

This course, the continuation of German 1020, expands on the student's understanding, speaking, reading and writing in German. The main focus of this course is to build a strong foundation in the language by emphasizing vocabulary and pronunciation, grammar, listening comprehension, reading, and writing. The main emphasis will be on classroom interaction, so students are urged to attend class regularly, to be on time, and to be prepared.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM THIS COURSE?

You can expect to encounter and to work on mastering basic communication skills in German and to acquire an understanding of the German culture. This is a communicative, student-centered course, which means that you will interact a great deal with your classmates. Acquiring a foreign language requires much practice and repetition.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS COURSE:

1 HOMEWORK/ILRN/WORKBOOK ASSIGNMENTS will be given regularly. The homework may be a written and/or an oral preparation. Written assignments will be due at the beginning of class on the assigned due day. On some occasions, written assignments will be

collected and checked by your instructor; on other occasions the material assigned will be discussed and corrected in class. Your written homework must be neat and legible. Your answers should be written in complete sentences, unless the instructor specifies otherwise. Please use double space so that comments or corrections can be more easily inserted. Underline or highlight any key or featured words. Please do not use red pen or pencil. Furthermore, by the end of each chapter, all relevant exercises in iLrn/Workbook need to be completed. Homework will not be accepted after the beginning of the class for which it has been assigned and must be submitted in person by the student.

2 QUIZZES will be given at least once a week. It is therefore imperative that you keep up with your studies on a daily basis. The quizzes will cover the material currently being studied and will be announced. Note: There will be NO make-up quizzes.

3 A PRESENTATION in German will be given once during the semester. It will be based on our reader. Your instructor will give you information about the format (group of max. 3 students, 10 minutes) a week before it is due.

4 An ESSAY will be composed in class once during the semester. Your instructor will give you information about the topic and format (150-200 words) a week before it is due.

5 UNIT TESTS will cover vocabulary and grammar structure of all material studied through the last class before test day. Any additional material which your instructor may supply from sources outside your textbook, may be tested on quizzes or exams. All tests will be announced and will include: 1) listening comprehension, 2) vocabulary, 3) grammar, 4) writing, 5) reading, and 6) culture. Tests will reflect everything covered in class or assigned as homework. Note that you may not leave the classroom during the test. There will be NO make-up tests unless cleared with the instructor (for details, see Attendance below).

6 THE FINAL EXAM will be comprehensive. Taking the Final Exam is mandatory to receive a passing grade in this course.

7 REGULAR ATTENDANCE is required. Repeated unexcused absences and tardiness will affect your grade significantly. Three tardies is the equivalent of one absence. Leaving class before the end of the period will be considered an absence. You are allowed a maximum of three (3) absences, whether excused or unexcused, without penalty. After four absences, your attendance grade will suffer in percent. After the twelfth absence, you will receive a failing grade for the entire class. Excused absences are only: A.) illness with doctor's documentation, B.) official university sponsored activities, and C.) the observance of certain religious holidays (see University Class Attendance Regulations in the UNT Policy Manual <http://policy.unt.edu/policy/15-2-5> for details). If your absence is excused, you may take an exam at a later time agreed to by the instructor. As to homework and quizzes, if your absence is excused because of A or B, your NEXT homework/quiz grade will count double. If your absence is excused because of C, you can turn in any assignment/take a quiz at a later time agreed to by the instructor. If your absence is not excused, you will receive a

grade of zero (0) for any homework assignment due that day and/or for any quiz/exam given that day.

8 CLASS PARTICIPATION is an essential foundation for learning a language. Consistent and constructive participation is expected from all students. Attendance is critical in such a course, as progress suffers when assignments and daily contributions to class work falter. There will be varying amounts of repetition of the drills from your textbook and from supplementary material. Repetition and creativity are essential in language study, and this course is planned and organized to supply both. Worksheets reflecting the material currently taught will be used to enlarge your vocabulary and to help you to better master the language. Material covered on the worksheets may be included on quizzes and tests. Cellular phones must be switched off and kept out of sight. If it is visible to the instructor, you will receive a zero grade for participation on that day. The use of laptop computers in class is not allowed.

9 GRADING POLICY: Your grade in this course is based on your scores earned throughout the semester. Regular attendance and active participation during the class period are reflected positively in your final grade. Your final grade will be determined as followed:

1	Attendance & <i>active</i> class participation	10%
2	Daily homework.....	10%
3	iLrn/Workbook assignments (4 x 1.25).....	5%
4	Quizzes	15%
5	Presentation.....	5%
6	Essay.....	10%
7	Unit tests (3).....	30%
8	Final exam	15%

Grade Distribution:

A = 100 – 90%

B = 89.9 – 80%

C = 79.9 – 70%

D = 69.9 – 60%

F = 59.9 – 0%

Student Behavior in the Classroom:

Student behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to

leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The university's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at www.unt.edu/csrr

Specifically for TAMS students: If you are absent for any reason, you are required to file an absence report with Dr. Allen of the TAMS Academic Office. You must complete the "Absence Form" on the TAMS Academic Website. In addition, as your professor, I will send periodic attendance reports to the TAMS Academic Office. TAMS students are not allowed the use of computers in the classroom.

EXTRA CREDIT:

You can receive extra credit points, which will be added to your participation grade for the following activities:

Time spent in the Foreign Language Lab, Lang 105, on a voluntary basis will be used for extra credit. For each complete hour you spend in LB 105 you will receive one point which will be used towards your participation grade. Be sure you document your work on the sign-up sheet at the lab attendant's counter.

Attend the German Film Series in the Foreign Language Building. Sign in at each screening you are able to attend, type a short summary of the movie in German, and turn it at the next regular class meeting.

Attend and sign in for on-campus activities related to German culture (lectures, festivals, etc.) officially sponsored by the German faculty or by Delta Phi Alpha, the National German Honor Society.

Attend and sign in for the biweekly *Kaffeeklatsch* and/or monthly *Stammtisch*, events sponsored by the *Deutschclub*.

Attend and sign in for *Deutschchor*.

STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS AND HELPFUL STUDY HINTS

Lab tapes and computer exercises found in the language lab (Lang. 105) will provide you with an invaluable opportunity to improve your performance skills in German.

Learn each lesson by going over the drills mentally, reviewing carefully the material covered in class before writing a homework assignment. Reading aloud at home can be very profitable as it reinforces important points such as sentence structure, pronunciation, and "sentence melody" (intonation). You should mark stressed syllables in reading passages to help practice correct pronunciation. Check your assignment with the book drills for accuracy.

Another study alternative is practicing with the web exercises found on the web site: www.cengage.com/german/deutschheute that have been specifically designed to coincide with Deutsch heute (9th ed.).

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

In accordance with Section 51.911 of the Texas Education Code, UNT will allow a student who is absent from class for observance of a religious holy day to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within a reasonable time. Students are required to file a written request with each professor within the first 15 days of the semester to qualify for an excused absence. A copy of the state rules and procedures regarding holy days and the form for notification of absence from each class under this provision are available from the Registrar's Office.

American with Disabilities Act Compliance:

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION STATEMENT

The University of North Texas is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of federal equal opportunity legislation; reference Public Law 92-112, The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended. With the passage of new federal legislation entitled Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), pursuant to section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, there is renewed focus on providing this population with the same opportunities enjoyed by all citizens.

Students must follow the Procedure for Requesting Special Accommodation, as indicated in the UNT Policy Manual, Volume 3, 18.1.14, part II. According to these guidelines, "[w]ithin the first week of class, qualified students must notify the instructor or academic unit liaison for disability accommodation that options to standard methods of educational access will be needed" (part II, section B).

Student Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness:

The Student Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness (SETE) is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. This short survey will be made available to you at the end of the semester, providing you a chance to comment on how this class is taught. I am very interested in the feedback I get from students, as I work to continually improve my teaching. I consider the SETE to be an important part of your participation in this class. Besides SETE, there is also a student evaluation carried out by the department.

TENTATIVE OUTLINE GUIDE

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PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO RIGID ADHERENCE TO THIS SCHEDULE, SHOULD THE CLASS NEED MORE TIME FOR SOME SECTIONS AND LESS TIME FOR OTHER SECTIONS.

Woche	Inhalte	Aufgaben
WEEK 1 Jan. 16 Dr. M. L. King Day Jan. 17 – Jan. 20	Introduction to the course, Kapitel 10: Bausteine für Gespräche & Grammatik (381-389)	
WEEK 2 Jan. 23 – 27	Kapitel 10: Zum Lesen & Grammatik (390-397)	Quiz Start with Reader
WEEK 3 Jan. 30 – Feb. 3	Kapitel 10: Finish the chapter, Leserunde (383/395)	Quiz
WEEK 4 Feb. 6 – 10	Kapitel 10: Wiederholung & Zusammenfassung (398-401) Kapitel 11: Bausteine für Gespräche & Grammatik (418-422)	Prüfung I (Wednesday)
WEEK 5 Feb. 13 – 17	Kapitel 11: Continue Bausteine für Gespräche & Grammatik (418-422)	Quiz
WEEK 6 Feb. 20 – Feb. 24	Kapitel 11: Zum Lesen & Grammatik (424-429)	Quiz
WEEK 7 Feb. 27 – March 2	Kapitel 11: Finish the chapter, Leserunde (422/428), Wiederholung & Zusammenfassung (430-433)	Quiz Prüfung II (Friday)
WEEK 8 March 5 – 9	Kapitel 12: Bausteine für Gespräche & Grammatik (446-451)	Quiz
WEEK 9 March 12 – 16	Kapitel 12: Zum Lesen & Grammatik (452-457)	Quiz
<i>Spring break</i>		
WEEK 10 March 26 – March 30	Kapitel 12: Finish the chapter, Leserunde (445/458), Wiederholung & Zusammenfassung (460-463)	Quiz
WEEK 11 April 2 – 6	Kapitel 1: Station: Berlin (S. 1-12)	Prüfung III (Monday)
WEEK 12 April 9 – 13	Kapitel 1: Continue Station: Berlin (S. 1-12)	Quiz
WEEK 13 April 16 – 20	Kapitel 1: Einblicke I (S. 13-20)	Quiz
WEEK 14 April 23 – 27	Kapitel 1: Einblicke II (S. 20-29)	Quiz Arbeitsbuch
WEEK 15 (pre-finals week) April 30 – May 3 May 4 Reading Day	Kapitel 1: Lektüre I & II (S. 30-38)	Quiz

AGREEMENT:

I HAVE FAMILIARIZED MYSELF WITH THE SYLLABUS, THE ATTENDANCE POLICY, AND OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT MY GERMAN COURSE.

NAME _____ **DATE** _____

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