

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF WORLD LANGUAGES, LITERATURES & CULTURES

GERMAN 2050: Intermediate
Spring Semester 2016

General Information:

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REQUIRED TEXTBOOK PACKAGE (including Workbook): Moeller/Mabee/Berger/Adolph, *Kaleidoskop, Kultur, Literatur und Grammatik Eighth edition*. **(Please note that the electronic textbook version is not acceptable for classroom use).**

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

The Department of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures offers **FREE** tutoring for students of German 1010-2050. The tutoring hours will be announced at the beginning of the semester.

COURSE PREREQUISITE: The prerequisite for this course is the successful completion of German 2040 or the equivalent.

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES: This course is designed to expand and reinforce basic vocabulary and to enhance communicative skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing German within a topically-organized curriculum. The topics expand on those covered in previous semesters and complete the foundation for upper level German classes. The main emphasis is on classroom interaction, and students are expected to attend class regularly, to be on time, and to be prepared. Students 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 students will interact regularly with classmates in smaller and larger groups.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADE ASSESSMENT

1. ***Class Participation (10%):*** Students are expected to participate actively in class discussions and to prepare the readings and written assignments prior to each class. Class participation, effort, attentiveness, preparation, responsibility, and, in general, active and constructive involvement in all aspects of the course will be graded by the instructor. Please refrain from the following: late arrival, early departure, cell phone/laptop usage unrelated to class work. Students are responsible for all material covered in class, and the materials covered in class will be included on quizzes and tests. When you are absent, it is YOUR responsibility to obtain the day's assignment (by consulting the syllabus, a classmate and/or Blackboard).

Attendance: 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 three 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/sites/default/files/untpolicy/15.2.5_Attendance%20Policy.pdf 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.

Homework (7.5%) 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, and should be placed on the desk at the front of the room prior to the start of 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. 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.

Workbook Assignments (7.5%) will be assigned for each chapter and will be due on the day that we conclude each chapter. Specific instructions for completing the assignment will be given (for example, typed, submit electronically, etc.). All workbook assignments must be submitted by the beginning of the class for which it has been assigned.

Quizzes (10%) will be given on vocabulary and/or grammar. 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 for unexcused absences.

Presentations (5%) There will be one small group (2-3 students) presentation in German will be given once during the semester. Each student is expected to speak for a minimum of 3 minutes. Your instructor will give distribute a signup sheet during the second class period.

Conversation Slips (*Gesprächszettel*) (4x1.25%=5%): each student will have four out-of-class conversations in German during the semester, either at the *Kaffeeklatsch* (max. 2) or with one of the other instructors during their office hours. (At least) two of these conversations need to be done by **March 7** and the remainder by **April 29**.

Essays (20%) will be composed twice in class during the semester on **February 19 and April 13**. Your instructor will give you more information about the topic and format (200-250 words) a week before it is due.

Unit Tests (20%) 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 (*Vokabeln 1 & 2*), 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). During test and/or quiz sessions students are required to remain in class until completely finished with the exam. Under no circumstances will a student leave class and return to finish the exam. No small translators or dictionaries are permitted. No sunglasses will be permitted to be worn. Caps may be only worn with the brim facing backwards. According to the UNT Student Guidebook page 19: "cheating on examinations and quizzes is dishonest." Please refer to the Student Guidebook for a complete description of cheating and plagiarism. The mere suspicion of cheating will be grounds for receiving a zero on any examination, paper, or project.

Final Exam (15%) will be comprehensive and administered during the regularly scheduled final exam period. Taking the Final Exam is mandatory to receive a passing grade in this course.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION:

A = 100 – 90%

B = 89.9 – 80%

C = 79.9 – 70%

General course and university guidelines

1. **Blackboard:** All course assignments and materials will be posted on the course Blackboard site – if you are unable to attend a particular class, it is your responsibility to go to Blackboard to get that day's assignment.
2. **Course communication:** The instructor will communicate with students through Blackboard Announcements and through e-mail. All e-mail will be sent to students' UNT e-mail accounts. It is the students' responsibility to check UNT e-mail regularly or have UNT e-mail forwarded to another account. In addition, the instructor will only respond to student e-mail if it is sent from the official UNT account.
3. **Cell phones and laptops:** The instructor utilizes the use of technology and media in the learning process. Cell phones, iPads, tablets, and laptops may be used to access online resources during instruction. Texting, game playing, Facebook are not permitted. If it is determined that cell phones and laptops are being used for anything other than educational purposes, the student will receive a grade of 0 for that day's class participation grade.
4. **Academic integrity:** All work submitted in your name must be your own work. Submitting someone else's work is plagiarism. Cheating and plagiarism are serious matters. The usual penalties for these offenses include failure for the assignment, failure in the course, and a written report to the Dean of Students.
5. **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.
6. **Disability accommodation:** The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request reasonable accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of reasonable accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. Students are strongly encouraged to deliver letters of reasonable accommodation during faculty office hours or by appointment. Faculty members have the authority to ask students to discuss such letters during their designated office hours to protect the privacy of the student. For additional information see the Office of Disability Accommodation website at <http://www.unt.edu/oda>. You may also contact them by phone at [940.565.4323](tel:940.565.4323).
7. **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.
8. **Special instructions for TAMS students:** If you are absent for any reason, you are required to file an absence report with Dr. Donna Fleming 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.

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.

UNT has launched the campaign - “Succeed at UNT” - to provide students with consistent student success messages, and user-friendly, accessible links to student support services. To better familiarize yourself with this service go to www.succeed.unt.edu. The following are the six focused messages:

1. Show Up
2. Find Support
3. Take Control
4. Be Prepared
5. Get Involved
6. Be Persistent

Emergency Notification & Procedures: UNT uses a system called Eagle Alert to quickly notify you with critical information in the event of an emergency (i.e., severe weather, campus closing, and health and public safety emergencies like chemical spills, fires, or violence). The system sends voice messages (and text messages upon permission) to the phones of all active faculty staff, and students. Please make certain to update your phone numbers at www.my.unt.edu. Some helpful emergency preparedness actions include: 1) ensuring you know the evacuation routes and severe weather shelter areas, determining how you will contact family and friends if phones are temporarily unavailable, and identifying where you will go if you need to evacuate the Denton area suddenly. In the event of a university closure, please refer to Blackboard for contingency plans for covering course materials.

Student Perceptions of Teaching: The Student Perceptions of Teaching (SPOT) 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 SPOT to be an important part of your participation in this class.

Important Dates and Deadlines: Students should familiarize themselves with the Registrar’s office dates and deadlines by visiting this website: <http://registrar.unt.edu/regISTRATION/spring-registration-guide>

DAILY ASSIGNMENT GUIDE

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS MERELY A GUIDE AND THE INSTRUCTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES ALL CHANGES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN CLASS AND ON BLACKBOARD.

Datum	Thema	Zum Lesen	Zum Schreiben	Andere Aufgaben
20.1	Einführung			
22.1	Freizeit	S. 3-9	S. 9, Ü 7	
25.1	Wortschatz	S. 10-11	S. 11, Ü 10, 11, 12	
27.1	Grammatik im Kontext	S. 12-13	S. 12, Ü 13	Quiz
29.1	München	S. 14-15		Präsentationen Quiz
1.2	Literarische Werke—Brecht	S. 16-17	S. 17, Ü 22	Präsentationen
3.2	Literarische Werke-- <i>Mittagspause</i>	S. 18-21	S. 20, Ü 25, 26	Arbeitsbuch S. 71-76
5.2	Prüfung I			
8.2	Kommunikation	S. 25-30	S. 28, Ü 5	
10.2	Kommunikation	S. 31-32	S. 32, Ü 12	
12.2	Wortschatz	S. 33-35	S. 33, Ü 15, 16	Präsentationen
15.2	Kurzfilm	S. 36-37		Quiz
17.2	Literarische Werke-Hofmannsthal	S. 38-39		
19.2	Aufsatz 1			
22.2	Literarische Werke—Honigmann	S. 40-43		Präsentationen
24.2	Wortschatz	S. 44-45	S. 45, Ü 32	
26.2	Grammatik im Kontext	S. 46-47		Quiz
29.2	Deutschland heute	S. 49-53	S. 53, Ü 4	Arbeitsbuch S. 13 (Ü C), S. 79-82
2.3	Deutschland heute	S. 54-57		
4.3	Wortschatz	S. 58-59	S. 58, Ü 10	
7.3	Dresden Literarische Werke	S. 60-62		Präsentationen Gesprächszettel Quiz
9.3	Film-- <i>Goodbye Lenin</i>			
11.3	Film— <i>Goodbye Lenin</i>			Arbeitsbuch, S. 17-19
21.3	Literarische Werke	S. 63-69		Quiz Präsentationen
23.3	Wortschatz, Grammatik, Wiederholung	S. 71-73	S. 73, Ü 28.	Arbeitsbuch, S. 85-88
25.3	Prüfung II			
28.3	Familie	S. 75-77		
30.3	Familie	S. 78-80	S., Ü 8	
1.4	Wortschatz	S. 81-82	S. 82, Ü 12, 13	
4.4	Grammatik im Kontext	S. 83	S. 83, Ü 16, 18	Quiz
6.4	Bremen	S. 84-85		Quiz Präsentationen
8.4	Märchen	S. 89-91	S. 90, Ü 29	
11.4	Märchen	S. 90-92	S. 92 Ü 31	Arbeitsbuch, S. 91-97
13.4	Aufsatz II			
15.4	Wortschatz	S. 93-95	S. 93, Ü 34	Präsentationen
18.4	Musik	S. 97-100	S. 100, Ü 5	Quiz
20.4	Musik	S. 102-104	S. 104, Ü 7	
22.4	Film: <i>Comedian Harmonists</i>			

25.4	Film: <i>Comedian Harmonists</i>			
27.4	Wortschatz Grammatik im Kontext	S. 108-109	S. 109, Ü 18, 19	Präsentationen
29.4	Wien	S. 110-111		Gesprächszettel Quiz Arbeitsbuch S. 99-101 Präsentationen
2.5	Der Erlkönig	S. 113-115	S. 115 Ü 25, 26	Präsentationen
4.5	Wiederholung			
7.5	Final Exam (Section 002--10 am class) 8-10 am			
11.5	Final Exam (Section 001--9 am section) 8-10 am			

AGREEMENT:

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

PRINTED NAME _____ DATE _____

COURSE: GERMAN 2050 SECTION _____

THE COURSE SYLLABUS CAN BE DOWNLOADED AT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE:

<http://worldlanguages.unt.edu/undergraduate-programs/german>