

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

**GERMAN 3044: Contemporary Germany
Spring Semester 2023**

General Information:

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REQUIRED COURSE MATERIAL: *100 Stunden Deutschland*. Stuttgart: Klett, 2017. [ISBN: 978-3-12-675229-9]

ADDITIONAL ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

<https://www.zeitklicks.de>
<https://www.tatsachen-ueber-deutschland.de/de>
<https://www.dhm.de/lemo/>
<https://www.tagesschau.de/multimedia/>
<https://www.zdf.de/nachrichten/heute-journal>

COURSE PREREQUISITE: The prerequisite for this course is the successful completion of German 2050 or the equivalent.

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES: This course delves into important aspects of German life and culture since 1945, with a particular emphasis on the political system, 20th-century history, and the individual and society. Students will gain familiarity with the political system of the Federal Republic of Germany including the executive, legislative, and judicial branches; will become familiar with important events in German history since World War II including Germany's role in the European Union; will become familiar with contemporary issues relevant to German life including the family (broadly defined), education, multiculturalism, and religious diversity, particularly in light of the recent influx of immigrants and refugees.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADE ASSESSMENT

1. Class Participation (8%): Students are expected to participate actively in class discussions and to prepare the readings, listening activities, 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 Canvas).

Attendance: Students are expected to attend class meetings regularly. If you do not attend, you cannot participate actively in the class discussions and conversations, which will affect your overall participation grade. It is important that you communicate with the professor **prior** to being absent, so you and the professor can discuss and mitigate the impact of the absence on your attainment of course learning goals. Please inform the professor if you are unable to attend class meetings because you are ill, in mindfulness of the health and safety of everyone in our community.

2. Homework (10%): Homework may take the form of written or oral assignments. It is expected that students

complete all reading and listening assignments prior to class. The reading assignments are designed to stimulate class discussions. You are responsible for preparing the readings thoroughly, which may involve learning new vocabulary and specialized expressions. In addition, worksheets will be assigned on a regular basis to complement the materials in the textbook. Readings are listed on the attached daily assignment guide. Worksheets will be distributed in class. Any materials distributed in class will also be posted to Canvas. 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. Late work will receive maximum 50% credit.

3. Quizzes (10%): Quizzes will be administered regularly following the completion of each *major topic* listed on the syllabus. The quizzes will include 10-20 items (multiple choice, true/false, short answer) covering the materials in the textbook as well as information presented in class. The lowest 2 quiz grades will be dropped.

4. News reports (15%). Students will watch German news reports and complete a series of questions about the reported events. Students are free to choose the news report from a list provided by the instructor.

5. Research Assignments (3 x 10 =30%). Students will prepare two-page research papers related to the major course topics following the completion of each module.

6. Unit Tests (3 x 9% =27%) An exam over all the material assigned and presented in class will be given after the completion of each module. Exams will consist of identification items, multiple choice, true/false short answers, and short essays. The dates for the exams are as follows: **February 22 and April 3.** The third exam will be administered during the regularly scheduled final exam on **Monday, May 8 at 1:30 pm.**

GRADE DISTRIBUTION:

A = 100 – 90%

D = 69.9 – 60%

B = 89.9 – 80%

F = 59.9 – 0%

C = 79.9 – 70%

General course and university guidelines

Canvas: All course assignments and materials will be posted on the course Canvas site. Assignments that cannot be submitted via Canvas should be turned in during class.

Communication Expectations: The instructor will communicate with students through Canvas Announcements and through UNT 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. Any messages sent Monday-Friday will be answered within two days.

Cell phones and laptops: The instructor utilizes technology and other media in the learning process. All students are expected to bring a Wi-Fi-enabled device (cell phone, iPad, tablet, or laptop) to every class to facilitate collaborative work.

Academic integrity: According to UNT Policy 06.003, Student Academic Integrity, academic dishonesty occurs when students engage in behaviors including, but not limited to cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, forgery, plagiarism, and sabotage. A finding of academic dishonesty may result in a range of academic penalties or sanctions ranging from admonition to expulsion from the University.

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.

Disability accommodation: The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking reasonable accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Access (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with a reasonable 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 reasonable 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, refer to the Office of Disability Access website at <https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/office-disability-access>. You may also contact ODA by phone at (940) 565-4323.

Acceptable 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 Dean of Students 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 <http://policy.unt.edu/policy/07-012>.

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 my.unt.edu. Some helpful emergency preparedness actions include: 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 Canvas 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 between April 17 and May 4, 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.

Sexual Discrimination, Harassment, & Assault: UNT is committed to providing an environment free of all forms of discrimination and sexual harassment, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. If you (or someone you know) has experienced or experiences any of these acts of aggression, please know that you are not alone. The federal Title IX law makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender are Civil Rights offenses. UNT has staff members trained to support you in navigating campus life, accessing health and counseling services, providing academic and housing accommodations, helping with legal protective orders, and more. UNT's Dean of Students' website offers a range of on-campus and off-campus resources to help support survivors, depending on their unique needs: <https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/dean-of-students/conduct/sexual-misconduct>. The UNT Survivor Advocates can be reached by emailing SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu or calling 940-565-2648. If there is an emergency, please call the police at 911.

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

German at UNT: I encourage you to participate in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities offered by the German program. Information about events will be posted to Canvas.

DAILY ASSIGNMENT GUIDE:

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

Datum	Thema	Zum Lesen	Aufgaben
18.1	Einführung und Nachrichten		
23.1	Die Bundesländer		
25.1	Grundrechte im Grundgesetz	10-17	
30.1	Verfassungsprinzipien	18-23	
1.2	Rechtsstaatlichkeit und Sozialstaatlichkeit	24-29	
6.2	Aufgaben und Pflichten	30-35	
8.2	Verfassungsorgane	36-43	
13.2	Parteien und Wahlen	44-50	
15.2	Wählen	51-59	
20.2	Wiederholung		
22.2	1. Examen		
27.2	Geschichte beginnt heute und das geteilte Deutschland	64-67	Research Assignment 1
1.3	Neue Grenzen	68-73	
6.3	Die friedliche Revolution/ Besatzungszeit	74-77	
8.3	Hitlers Diktatur/ Verbrechen	78-81	
20.3	Film-- <i>Rosenstrasse</i>		
22.3	Film-- <i>Rosenstrasse</i>		
27.3	Widerstand/Gedenken	82-85	
29.3	Vereinigtes Europa	86-89	
3.4	2. Examen		
5.4	Mensch und Gesellschaft/ Kulturelle Merkmale	90-91	Research Assignment 2
10.4	Familie/Gleichberechtigung	92-103	
12.4	Familie/Gleichberechtigung	92-103	
17.4	Erziehung und Bildung	104-117	
19.4	Toleranz und Zusammenleben	118-123	
24.4	Konflikt/Kompromiss	124-131	
26.4	Integration/geflüchtete Personen	132-133	
1.5	Religiöse Vielfalt	134-139	
3.5	Wiederholung		Research Assignment 3
8.5 at 1:30 pm	Exam 3		