

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Advanced Grammar – 3020
SPRING SEMESTER 2012

General Information:

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Office hours: WF 10:00 – 10:50 or by appointment (LANG 401-J)
Class meets: MWF 11:00 – 11:50 (LANG 402)

Important Dates:

Final exam: Wednesday, May 9, 10:30 – 12:30

Course Prerequisite:

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

Course Description and Objectives:

This course is designed to reinforce and expand basic and intermediate grammar competence and to acquire a deeper understanding of German sentence and phrase structures. The topics expand on those covered in the previous semesters of German and complete the groundwork for upper level German classes. Although the main emphasis will be on grammatical structures, the discussions will be in German. Besides speaking, we will also integrate some other linguistic skills. Acquiring a foreign language requires much practice and repetition. Students are urged to attend class regularly, to be on time, and to be prepared.

Required Texts:

Rankin and Wells. Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik. Houghton Mifflin. [syllabus based on 4th edition]

General Course Policies:

- No academic dishonesty (plagiarism, machine translation, inappropriate help by tutors, etc.)
- No late homework accepted
- *Active* participation
- Attendance will be taken

1 HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS will be assigned 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. 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 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 Three TESTS will cover the grammar structure of all material studied through the last class before test day. Tests will reflect everything covered in class or assigned as homework. 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. Note that you may not leave the classroom during the test. There will be NO make-up tests unless cleared with the instructor with written medical documentation (for other reasons, you MUST inform your instructor within the first two weeks of the semester).

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

5 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 two (2) absences, whether excused or unexcused, without penalty. After two absences, your attendance grade will suffer in percent. After the eighth 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.

6 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. **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.**

7 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.....	20%
3	Quizzes	20%
4	Tests (3)	30%
5	Final exam	20%

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.

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.

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, Activate pre-knowledge, “Mad Lips”, grammatical terms	
WEEK 2 Jan. 23 – 27	Chapter 1: Word Order (+ parts of speech, grammatical functions)	Test I
WEEK 3 Jan. 30 – Feb. 3	Chapter 4: Cases and Declensions	
WEEK 4 Feb. 6 – 10	Chapter 13: Adjectives	
WEEK 5 Feb. 13 – 17	Chapter 21: Adjective Nouns, Participial Modifiers	
WEEK 6 Feb. 20 – Feb. 24	Chapter 26: Relative Pronouns	
WEEK 7 Feb. 27 – March 2	Finish, Review	Test II
WEEK 8 March 5 – 9	Chapter 2/3/7/8: Present Tenses/ Past Tenses/Future Tenses	
WEEK 9 March 12 – 16	Chapter 20: Subjunctive II	
<i>Spring break</i>		
WEEK 10 March 26 – March 30	Finish Chapter 20, Chapter 27: Indirect Discourse, Subjunctive I	
WEEK 11 April 2 – 6	Chapter 28: Passive Voice	
WEEK 12 April 9 – 13	Chapter 9/18: Modals/Infinitives	
WEEK 13 April 16 – 20	Finish, Review	Test III
WEEK 14 April 23 – 27	Chapter 22/23: Numerals and Measurements/Seasons, Dates, and Time Expressions	
WEEK 15 (pre-finals week) April 30 – May 3 May 4 Reading Day	Chapter 25: Particles Review	