

## **German Phonetics – GERM 3020**

### **Fall Semester 2014**

#### **General Information:**

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Office hours: **MWF 12:00 – 12:50 or by appointment (LANG 401-J)**  
Class meets: **MWF 10:00 – 10:50 (LANG 313)**

#### **Important Dates:**

Final exam: **Friday, December 12, 08:00 – 10:00**

#### **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 improve basic and intermediate pronunciation skills and to acquire a deeper understanding of German phonetics including the International Phonetic Alphabet. The topics expand on those covered in the previous semesters of German and complete the groundwork for upper level German classes. The discussions will be in German. Besides speaking and listening, 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:**

Hall, Christopher. Modern German pronunciation. An introduction for speakers of English. (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) Palgrave.

#### **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 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/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.

2        **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. The use of laptop computers in class is not allowed.**

3        **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.

4        Written **QUIZZES** will be given on a regular basis. 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.

5        Three oral **Texts** will be given, the last one being a longer test. They consist of oral individual or group assignments. 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).

6        Two written **Exams** will cover the 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 exams 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).

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

8        **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 & *active* class participation ..... 10%

2        Daily homework.....15%

3	Quizzes.....	15%
4	Oral tests (2x5, 1x10) .....	20%
5	Exams (2) .....	20%
6	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](http://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 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 accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of 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. 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.

#### **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.

## Link for German Linguistics and Pronunciation

German Phonetic Resource Page: <http://www.lawrenceglatz.com/germ3150/phonetics.htm>

# 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/Examen
WEEK 1 Aug. 25 – 29	Introduction to the course and phonetics	
WEEK 2 <b>Sept. 1 Labor Day</b> Sept. 2 – 5	Production and description of sounds, consonants	
WEEK 3 Sept. 8 – 12	Plosives	
WEEK 4 Sept. 15 – 19	Fricatives and affricates	Oral Test I
WEEK 5 Sept. 22 – 26	Nasals and liquids	
WEEK 6 Sept. 29 – Oct. 3	Consonants in colloquial speech	Written Exam I
WEEK 7 Oct. 6 – 10	Vowels (unrounded front)	
WEEK 8 Oct. 13 – 17	Vowels (back)	
WEEK 9 Oct. 20 – 24	Vowels (rounded front)	Oral Test II
WEEK 10 Oct. 27 – 31	Vowels (central), diphthongs	
WEEK 11 Nov. 3 – 7	<i>Bühnenaussprache</i>	
WEEK 12 Nov. 10 – 14	Vowels in colloquial speech	Written Exam II
WEEK 13 Nov. 17 – 21	Stress	
WEEK 14 Nov. 24 – 26 <b>Nov. 27 - 30 Thanksgiving</b>		Oral Test III Oral Test III
WEEK 15 (Pre-finals week) Dec. 1 – 4 <b>Dec. 5 Reading Day</b>	Intonation(?), review for final	