

German I - 20140 - GER 1301 - D10

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Mission statement of Angelo State University:

"Angelo State University provides highly competitive graduates to the global marketplace by delivering quality programs in a values-focused and student-centered teaching and learning environment."

COURSE DESCRIPTION

German 1301 is a beginning German course designed to provide an introduction to the language and culture of the German-speaking world. The students will practice the four language skills (*listening/understanding, speaking, reading, and writing*) both with the instructor and ideally with classmates. The course materials provide abundant communicative activities along with many form-focused exercises and offer a good variety of authentic cultural materials. Practice will continue beyond the classroom with technology-based exercises. National Standards describe the Five C's of Foreign Language Education: Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities. Successful students will learn "how, when, and why to say what to whom."

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completing German 1301, students will be able to

communicate minimally by using isolated words and memorized phrases with reference to a particular context in which the language has been learned.

ask and answer *some* direct questions and express themselves in writing mostly in the present tense about familiar objects, their immediate environment and some basic interests.

read and comprehend simple texts on an elementary level.

demonstrate an understanding of some of the salient features of the history and culture (*perspectives, practices, products*) of the German-speaking world.

communicate in all 3 modes--*interpretive, presentational, interpersonal*—at the ACTFL **Novice low to mid level**.

IDEA FORM OBJECTIVES

Essential (E)

1. Gaining factual knowledge (terminology, classification, methods, trends) (German vocabulary, grammatical structure and analysis)

Important (I)

3. Learning to apply course material (to improve thinking, problem solving, and decision making)

8. Developing skills in expressing oneself orally and in writing (Basic spoken and written communication in German)

TEXTS

DiDonato, Clyde, Vansant: ***Deutsch: Na klar! 6th edition*** (Workbook is optional) Please note: This book is out of print, but many copies are available through used book vendors. You can also work with the 7th edition. Some of the exercises might be on different pages, but in general, there

is not much of a difference between these two editions. We will also work with the following online component of Deutsch Na klar! 6th edition.

https://highered.mheducation.com/sites/0073386332/student_view0/index.html

OTHER RESOURCES

ACTFL guidelines

<http://www.actfl.org/files/public/Guidelinespeak.pdf>

<http://www.actfl.org/files/public/writingguidelines.pdf>

Standards

http://www.actfl.org/files/public/StandardsforFLLEXecsumm_rev.pdf

<http://www.vark-learn.com/english/index.asp>

ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Course grade computation

Homework 10%

Attendance orals (2) 10%

Examination orals (2) 10%

Quizzes 10%

Compositions (3) 10%

Exams (5, including final) 50%

Grading Scale

A=90-100%; B=80-89%; C=70-79%; D=60-69%; F=59 and below

ASSIGNMENTS

Class Schedule and Assignments

I will frequently post short Kultura videos, which you can access in the left-hand menu bar of our blackboard class. In these videos, I will state what we are doing on a given day in class, which videos I would like you to watch, and which exercises I would want you to do. Further information will be provided in blackboard announcements. We will also use videos from **Deutsch Na Klar!** that are easily accessible online.

DATE

ASSIGNMENT

Erste Woche

Mittwoch, den 19. Januar

Einführung

Freitag, den 21. Januar

Einführung

Zweite Woche

Montag, den 24. Januar

[Meeting online in blackboard at 9 am!](#) Einführung

Mittwoch, den 26. Januar

Einführung

Freitag, den 28. Januar

Einführung

Dritte Woche

Montag, den 31. Januar

Einführung

Mittwoch, den 2. Februar

Attendance Oral

Freitag, den 4. Februar

Test 1

Vierte Woche

Montag, den 7. Februar

Kapitel 1

Mittwoch, den 9. Februar

Kapitel 1

Freitag, den 11. Februar

Kapitel 1

Fünfte Woche

Montag, den 14. Februar

Kapitel 1

Mittwoch, den 16. Februar

Kapitel 1

Freitag, den 18. Februar

Kapitel 1

Sechste Woche

Montag, den 21. Februar

Kapitel 1

Mittwoch, den 23. Februar

Test 2

Freitag, den 25. Februar

Examination Oral (mündliche Prüfung)

Siebte Woche

Montag, den 28. Februar

Composition 1(Aufsatz 1)

Mittwoch, den 2. März

Kapitel 2

Freitag, den 4. März

Kapitel 2

Achte Woche

Montag, den 7. März

Kapitel 2

Mittwoch, den 9. März

Kapitel 2

Freitag, den 11. März

Kapitel 2

Neunte Woche

Spring Break

Zehnte Woche

Montag, den 21. März

Kapitel 2

Mittwoch, den 23. März

Kapitel 2

Freitag, den 25. März

Test 3

Elfte Woche

Montag, 28. März

Examination Oral 2 (mündliche Prüfung 2)

Mittwoch, den 30. März

Kapitel 3

Freitag, den 1. April

Kapitel 3

Zwölfte Woche

Montag, den 4. April

Kapitel 3

Mittwoch, den 6. April

Kapitel 3

Freitag, den 8. April

Kapitel 3

Dreizehnte Woche

Montag, den 11. April

Composition 2 (Aufsatz 2)

Mittwoch, den 13. April

Kapitel 3

Freitag, den 15. April

Kapitel 3

Vierzehnte Woche

Montag, den 18. April

Test 4

Mittwoch, den 20. April

Kapitel 4

Freitag, den 22. April

Kapitel 4

Fünfzehnte Woche

Montag, den 25. April

Kapitel 4

Mittwoch, den 27. April

Kapitel 4

Donnerstag, den 28. April

Last day to drop!

Freitag, den 29. April

Composition 3 (rédaction 3)

Sechzehnte Woche

Montag, den 2. Mai

Kapitel 4

Mittwoch, den 4. Mai

Kapitel 4

Freitag, den 6. Mai

Attendance Oral

Final: Montag, den 9. Mai!

Syllabus subject to revision.

REQUIREMENTS

Attendance

This is an asynchronous class, hence there is no “roll call,” so to speak. You are supposed to read the posted material in blackboard and watch the assigned videos. Tests and quizzes will be posted online, and you will have to complete those in the indicated time frame. However, you will have to conduct virtual oral conversations with me, and I would want you to be present for those, evidently. I will coordinate specific times with you during which we will conduct our conversations. There will be two types of orals: one is the attendance/participation oral- we will just talk casually about things without you having to majorly prep for it, and if that goes ok, it will be an automatic 100. There will be two attendance orals. The other one is the examination oral, which will test your grammar and your vocab, and you will have a series of questions to prepare. There will be two examination orals. In case of an illness requiring an absence from class for more than one week, the student should notify his/her academic dean and/or the Executive Director of Student Affairs or designee. Angelo State University Operating Policy 10.04, Academic Regulations Concerning Student Performance provides complete information regarding class attendance and reporting student illness and emergencies. For every class day, you will receive daily “class” and “homework” assignments. “Class” and “homework” assignments need to be completed by a given deadline, usually, before the next class day. It would be good, if you could find a partner with whom to practice some of the classroom activities. This would allow you to receive some feedback from other students in the class. To allow you to get to know each other, I will set a short orientation meeting for Monday, January 24th at 9 am in our blackboard collaborate ultra room – the meeting should not last longer than 20 minutes. (Look in the left hand menu-bar of our blackboard class and click on the blackboard collaborate ultra link and then click on the link for Monday, January 24. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please send me an email to emuelsch@angelo.edu . Danke!

Make-up work

Make-ups will only be given if you provide documentation and give a valid reason why you were absent, e.g., couldn't take the exam/oral/composition at the assigned time/during the given timeframe (see definition of valid reason under “Attendance”). You will have to contact me within 24 hours after your class absence in order to schedule the make-up work. **There will be no make-ups for quizzes!**

FURTHER REQUIREMENTS:

Homework Assignments

These assignments will be given at the end of a class period and will be posted in blackboard. They will be checked and/or graded regularly. Each student must complete the work assigned by the specified deadline. Homework assignments are designed to reinforce and prepare you for the work we do in class. Your homework grade is based on timely completion, not on how many mistakes you make. However, you are required to do ALL assigned exercises. Please send all written homework assignments by the deadline to my email address: emuelsch@angelo.edu

Quizzes

I will give quizzes frequently to make sure that you know the material and are prepared for the chapter tests. These quizzes will be posted online and you should be completing them in the given time frame and by the given deadline.

Attendance Orals/Examination Orals

There will be two attendance orals and two examination orals. For a definition, please see the paragraph under attendance. For the examination orals, I will provide a list of questions, so you can prepare for it.

Compositions

You will have to write three short compositions. The topic will be assigned in blackboard and you will have to write the composition in the given time frame and finish by the indicated deadline.

Exams

There will be five (5) exams, including the final, clearly marked on the syllabus covering grammar points, the readings, the online assignments and the videos watched. The tests will include oral and written cues similar to the activities you have practiced in your online-class. THERE WILL BE NO MAKE-UP EXAMS without prior coordination with the instructor. The final exam will be a comprehensive exam covering materials from all the chapters and culture units we have covered during this semester.

Office Hours

Office hours are also for remedial purposes. Please contact me early on if material is unclear to you or if you have any other questions regarding the class.

Additional Information:**(8) Student Handbook Statement of Academic Integrity**

Academic integrity is taking responsibility for one's own class and/or course work, being individually accountable, and demonstrating intellectual honesty and ethical behavior. Academic integrity is a personal choice to abide by the standards of intellectual honesty and responsibility. Because education is a shared effort to achieve learning through the exchange of ideas, students, faculty, and staff have the collective responsibility to build mutual trust and respect. Ethical behavior and independent thought are essential for the highest level of academic achievement, which then must be measured. Academic achievement includes scholarship, teaching, and learning, all of which are shared endeavors. Grades are a device used to quantify the successful accumulation of knowledge through learning. Adhering to the standards of academic integrity ensures grades are earned honestly. Academic integrity is the foundation upon which students, faculty, and staff build their educational and professional careers.

Students must understand the principles of academic integrity and abide by them in all classes and/or course work at the University. Academic Misconduct violations are outlined in Part I, section B.1 of the *Code of Student Conduct*. If there are questions of interpretation of academic integrity policies or about what might constitute an academic integrity violation, students are responsible for seeking guidance from the faculty member teaching the course in question.

(9) Operating Policy 10.5 (student accommodation)**Student Disability Services**

ASU is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments of 2008 (ADAAA) and subsequent legislation. Student Disability Services is located in the Office of Student Affairs, and is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability. It is the student's responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting an employee of the Office of Student Affairs, in the Houston Harte University Center, Room 112, or contacting the department via email at ADA@angelo.edu.

For more information about the application process and requirements, visit the Student Disability Services website at www.angelo.edu/ADA. The employee charged with the responsibility of

reviewing and authorizing accommodation requests is:

Dr. Dallas A. Swafford

Director of Student Disability Services

325-942-2047

dallas.swafford@angelo.edu

Houston Harte University Center

(10) Operating Policy 10.19 (Holy Day):

“Religious holy day” means a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under Texas Tax Code §11.20. A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. A student who is absent from classes for the observance of a religious holy day shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within a reasonable time after the absence. A student who is excused under section 2 may not be penalized for the absence; however, the instructor may respond appropriately if the student fails to complete the assignment satisfactorily.

(11) Title IX at Angelo State University:

The University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination including: sexual assault, sex-based discrimination, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence and/or dating violence), and stalking. As a faculty member, I am a Responsible Employee meaning that I am obligated by law and ASU policy to report any allegations I am notified of to the Office of Title IX Compliance.

Students are encouraged to report any incidents of sexual misconduct directly to ASU’s Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator at:

Michelle Miller, J.D.

Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator

Mayer Administration Building, Room 210

325-942-2022

michelle.boone@angelo.edu

You may also file a report online 24/7 at www.angelo.edu/incident-form.

If you are wishing to speak to someone about an incident in confidence you may contact the *University Health Clinic and Counseling Center at 325-942-2173* or the *ASU Crisis Helpline at 325-486-6345*.

For more information about Title IX in general you may visit www.angelo.edu/title-ix.

Students should keep updated about protocols and policies by consulting the Covid-19 Update Page at <https://www.angelo.edu/covid-19/>