

LG151: Introductory German I

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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

In this course you will be introduced to the German language. This course is intended for students who have no prior experience with German. The objective of this course is to help students become more proficient in the five skills of learning a second language: oral communication, listening comprehension, proficiency in writing, reading comprehension, and cultural knowledge.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Albrecht, et. al., *Passwort Deutsch 1* [978 312 675 800 2].

Albrecht, et. al., *Passwort Deutsch 1 Wörterheft* [978 312 675 803 7].

Schenke and Seago, *Basic German* [978 0415 284 058].

NB: The *Wörterheft* is also available online and as a pdf-file. However, you will be required to print out the entire file and organize it in a binder.

COURSE EVALUATION:

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| Tests | 40% |
| Homework | 20% |
| Oral Exam | 10% |
| Vocabulary Quizzes | 20% |
| Class Participation | 10% |

GRADING SCALE:

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| 90-100 | A (Sehr gut) |
| 80-89 | B (gut) |
| 70- 79 | C (befriedigend) |
| 60- 69 | D (ausreichend) |
| 0- 59 | F (mangelhaft) |

Tests

A written examination will be given after each *Lektion* in *Passwort Deutsch*. You will be tested in the areas of listening comprehension, grammatical understanding, reading comprehension, cultural knowledge, and writing competency. Your lowest test score will be dropped.

Homework

Homework will be assigned daily in class and will consist of exercises in the *Übungsbuch* in *PWD* and in *Basic German*, plus written assignments distributed by the instructor.

Homework assignments from the *Passwort Deutsch Übungsbuch* and from *Basic German* should be written out on loose-leaf and should be self-corrected by the student with a different-colored pen using the answer keys at the end of each book. All fill-in-the-blank or matching exercises should be written out, with the answer clearly indicated. Assignment sheets distributed by the instructor should be completed on the sheet provided. Failure to follow these instructions will result in the deduction of points. Homework grades will be √+ (100), √ (85), √- (70), or 0.

Oral exam

There will be in-class oral exams at the end of the semester. The exam will consist of creative and interactive situations presented by groups of students in class. Specific details will be given in class in the weeks preceding the exam.

Quizzes

Frequent vocabulary quizzes will be given throughout the course of the semester. These quizzes will be based on the words in bold print in the *Wörterheft*. You will be quizzed on the meanings of the words in English, the genders (der/die/das) and plural forms of all nouns, and the verb forms (conjugations).

The vocabulary book (*Wörterheft*) that accompanies *Passwort Deutsch* is available in the bookstore and as a free download. Please go to the following link for the download:
http://www.klett.de/sixcms/list.php?page=fachseite&fachseite=Erwachsenenbildung%20DaF&modul=aktuell&aktuelles_id=256663&aktuelles=Download#pwd

Class participation

Your class participation grade is based on attendance, punctuality, having all books in class, preparedness and level of engagement in each class during the semester. The more often you miss class, or are late, or come to class unprepared or without your books, the lower your final class participation grade will be.

Attendance

Attendance is absolutely crucial to success in studying a foreign language. Therefore, each absence after the third will result in a 2 point deduction from your final average for the semester. Only absences for serious emergency (hospitalization, death of a loved one) or official university business will be excused (documentation must be provided). Any students with perfect attendance will receive a 2 point bonus added to their final average for the semester.

NB: The use of cell phones in the classroom disrupts instruction and creates a serious distraction for everyone else in the room. As such, if your cell phone rings, or vibrates audibly, or you use it to text during class, then you will be marked absent for that day.

Turn them off before entering the classroom.

Any student who must miss class due to a serious emergency should contact the office of the Dean of Students (<http://www.southalabama.edu/deanofstudents/>) immediately.

In-class activities

In-class activities will center on practice in oral communication, discussion of the relevant grammar, reading activities and group work. Students are expected to be in class on time, prepared, and actively engaged in all in-class activities.

Help is available!!

Students encountering difficulties with the course are encouraged to come to office hour or to seek out tutorial help in the Language Resource Center (LRC). Advanced-level students will be available in the LRC for free tutoring. The LRC also provides additional resources (multimedia, audio-visual, textual) for language learning. The media lounge offers the opportunity to view German television and films.

Written notice will be given for any necessary changes to the syllabus. The syllabus is also posted on the departmental website (<http://www.southalabama.edu/languages/>).

The Academic Integrity Policy of the Department of Foreign Languages will be observed and enforced in this course.

SPECIAL NEEDS: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, students with documented disabilities will be afforded reasonable accommodation. The Office of Special Student Services (SC 270, 460-7212) will certify a disability and advise faculty members of reasonable accommodations.

KALENDER

| Montag | Mittwoch | Freitag |
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| 17.August. Einführung in den Kurs. Lektion 1: "Guten Tag." | 19.August. "Die Welt." | 21.August. "Mitten in Europa," "Ein Zug in Deutschland." Vocab quiz. |
| 24.August. "Ein Zug in Deutschland." | 26.August. "Auf Wiedersehen." | 28.August. "Im Deutschkurs." Vocab quiz. |
| 31.August. Test: Lektion 1 | 02.September. Lektion 2: "Bilder aus Deutschland." | 04.September. "Eine Stadt, ein Dorf." |
| 07.September <i>Feiertag: Tag der Arbeit</i> | 09.September. "Die Stadt Frankfurt." Vocab quiz. | 11.September. "In Köln." |
| 14.September. "Im Deutschkurs." | 16.September. Review: Lektionen 1-2. Vocab quiz. | 18.September. Test: Lektion 2 |
| 21.September. "Meine Familie und ich." | 23.September. "Meine Familie und ich." | 25.September. "Die Hobbys von Frau Mainka," "Das Formular." Vocab quiz. |
| 28.September. "Montag, 9 Uhr, Studio 21." | 30.September. "Ein Brief aus Tübingen." | 02.Oktober. "Im Deutschkurs." Vocab quiz. |
| 05.Oktober. Test: Lektion 3 | 07.Oktober. "Der Münsterplatz in Freiburg." | 09.Oktober. "Foto-Objekte." |
| 12.Oktober. "Eine Freiburgerin." Vocab quiz. | 14.Oktober. "Das Münster-Café." | 16.Oktober. "Am Samstag arbeiten?" |
| 19.Oktober. "Im Deutschkurs." | 21.Oktober. Review: Lektionen 3-4. Vocab quiz. | 23.Oktober. Test: Lektion 4 <i>Last day to drop a class.</i> |
| 26.Oktober. "Leute in Hamburg." | 28.Oktober. "Ein Stadtpaziergang." | 30.Oktober. "Der Tag von Familie Raptis." Vocab quiz. |
| 02.November. "Früher und heute." | 04.November. "Eine Spezialität aus Hamburg." | 06.November. "Jetzt kennen Sie Leute in Hamburg!" Vocab quiz. |
| 09.November: Fall der Berliner Mauer, 1989. In-class oral exams. | 11.November. "Ortstermin Leipzig." | 13.November. "Das Klassentreffen." |
| 16.November. "Treffpunkt Augustusplatz." Vocab quiz. | 18.November. "Stadtpaziergang durch Leipzig." | 20.November. "Jahrgang '19 hundert 72.'" |
| 23.November. "Kommen und gehen." | 25.November <i>Feiertag: Das Erntedankfest</i> | 27.November <i>Feiertag: Das Erntedankfest</i> |
| 30.November. Review: Lektionen 5-6. Vocab quiz. Class evaluations. | 02.Dezember | 04.Dezember Final exam: 10:30-12:30 (10:10 class) Final exam: 13:00-15:00 (12:20 class) |
| 07.Dezember Final exam: 08:00-10:00 (9:05 class) | | |