

LG251: Intermediate German I

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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Intermediate German II is a continuation of the introductory sequence. In this course, students will be introduced to longer narratives and will develop the tools to discuss and write about shorter literary texts. The grammar to which students were introduced in the introductory sequence will be systematically reviewed. Students will also participate in a semester-long writing and presentation project. 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.

Prerequisite: LG 152, CLEP Test, or approval of instructor.

REQUIRED TEXTS and MATERIALS:

Teichert/Teichert. *Allerlei zum Lesen*, 2nd ed. 0-618-50349-8.

Rankin/Wells. *Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik*, 4th ed. 0-618-33812-8

A good German-English/English-German dictionary.

Ring binder for notes, handouts, and grammar and vocabulary assignments.

COURSE EVALUATION:

Tests	40%
Homework	15%
Vocabulary Quizzes	15%
Rockgruppe project: first rough draft	4%
Rockgruppe project: second rough draft	4%
Rockgruppe project: final draft	6%
Rockgruppe project: <i>Referat</i>	6%
Class Participation	10%

GRADING SCALE:

90-100 A (Sehr gut)

80-89 B (gut)

70- 79 C (befriedigend)

60- 69 D (ausreichend)

0- 59 F (mangelhaft)

Tests

Three written exams plus a final exam will be given throughout the semester. These tests will be based on the material covered in the two class texts.

Homework

Written homework will be assigned on a daily basis and is always due at the beginning of the next class period. Students who know they will miss the next class may turn in their work electronically and request the assignment for the next class session. Homework will be graded according to the following scale: $\checkmark+$ = 100%; \checkmark = 85%; $\checkmark-$ = 70%. Late work will be accepted up until the test covering that material. However, late work will be given a maximum grade of 50%.

Fill-in-the blank and multiple choice exercises are to be completely written out.

Questions on the texts should be answered in complete sentences.

Rockgruppe-Semesterprojekt

The *Rockgruppe-Semesterprojekt* is a semester-long writing and presentation project in which groups of students will complete an extended writing project, including several revisions, and deliver a presentation (*Referat*) at the end of the semester based on the final essays. Precise details will be given in the *Rockgruppe* preparation session (see syllabus). Deadlines and length requirements for the various drafts are indicated in the syllabus.

Quizzes

A vocabulary quiz will be given on the last scheduled day of each reading selection from *Allerlei zum Lesen*. It will consist of words from the vocabulary sections in both *Allerlei* and the *Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik*.

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 discussion of the texts and 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
17.August: "Türken pflanzen nur Bohnen." HB: Chapter 1	19.August: "Türken..." HB: Chapter 1	21.August: "Türken..." HB: Chapter 1
24.August: "Türken..." HB: Chapter 2	26.August: "Türken..." HB: Chapter 2. Quiz.	28.August: Rockgruppe: preparation. HB: Chapter 3
31.August: Rockgruppe: planning. HB: Chapter 3	02.September: "Verfahren" HB: Chapter 3	04.September: "Verfahren" HB: Chapter 4
07.September <i>Feiertag: Tag der Arbeit</i>	09.September: "Verfahren" HB: Chapter 4	11.September: "Verfahren" HB: Chapter 4
14.September: "Verfahren" HB: Chapter 5. Quiz.	16.September. TEST 1	18.September: "Die drei dunklen Könige" HB: Chapter 5
21.September: "...Könige" HB: Chapter 5	23.September: "...Könige" HB: Chapter 6	25.September: Rockgruppe: first rough draft due (500-600 words). peer edit. HB: Chapter 6
28.September: "...Könige" HB: Chapter 7	30.September: "...Könige" HB: Chapter 7. Quiz.	02.Oktober. "Spaghetti für zwei" HB: Chapter 7
05.Oktober: "Spaghetti..." HB: Chapter 8	07.Oktober: "Spaghetti..." HB: Chapter 8	09.Oktober: Rockgruppe: second rough draft due (700+ words). peer edit. HB: Chapter 9
12.Oktober: "Spaghetti..." HB: Chapter 9	14.Oktober: "Spaghetti..." HB: Chapter 9. Quiz.	16.Oktober. TEST 2
19.Oktober: "Der Traummann" HB: Chapter 10	21.Oktober: "Traummann" HB: Chapter 10	23.Oktober: "Traummann" HB: Chapter 10
26.Oktober: "Traummann" HB: Chapter 11	28.Oktober: "Traummann" HB: Chapter 11. Quiz.	30.Oktober: Rockgruppe: final draft due (900+ words). peer edit. HB: Chapter 11
02.November "Es war ein reizender Abend" HB: Chapter 12	04.November: "...Abend" HB: Chapter 12	06.November: "...Abend" HB: Chapter 13
09.November: Fall der Berliner Mauer, 1989. "...Abend" HB: Chapter 13	11.November: "...Abend" HB: Chapter 13. Quiz.	13.November TEST 3
16.November: "Schneewittchen" HB: Chapter 14	18.November: "Schneewittchen" HB: Chapter 14	20.November: "Schneewittchen" HB: Chapter 14
23.November: Rockgruppe: Referate	25.November: <i>Feiertag: Das Erntedankfest</i>	27.November: <i>Feiertag: Das Erntedankfest</i>
30.November: "Schneewittchen" HB: Chapter 15. Quiz.	02.Dezember	04.Dezember
07.Dezember Final exam: 10:30-12:30		

