

LG251: Intermediate German I

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Intermediate German I is a continuation of the introductory sequence. In this course, students will continue to develop their faculties in listening comprehension, oral proficiency, grammatical accuracy, written ability and cultural knowledge. The course will be organized around ACTFL's five standards of language learning: communication, communication, culture, comparisons and connections. The goal of this course is to increase students' competence in all five of these areas for the German-speaking context. 3 credit hours. Prerequisite: LG 152, CLEP Test, or approval of instructor.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Barske, et. al. *Denk mal!* 2nd edition. Boston: Vista Higher Learning, 2016. ISBN 978-1-62680-915-4. *Supersite+WebSAM*

COURSE EVALUATION:

5 Chapter Tests	35%
Homework	15%
3x in-class essays	15%
Vocab quizzes	15%
Oral interviews	10%
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. There will be five tests during the course of the semester: one after each of the first four chapters, with a fifth test as a final exam. Tests will cover the grammar, vocabulary and cultural material from each chapter.

Homework will consist of exercises on the Supersite (follow instructions that came with your text to set up your account), assignments from the book, and possibly extra assignments written by the instructor. Due dates for Supersite assignments appear on the Supersite; due dates for alternate assignments will be announced in class. **If you miss class, do not e-mail me to find out what the assignment is: I will not answer your message. Rather, contact one of your classmates.**

In-class essays. Three essays will be written in class over the course of the semester. Please purchase a bluebook for the essays, and write the essays double-spaced (points will be deducted for not following these directions). You may bring a cloth dictionary or use an electronic dictionary on your device. However, if you use google-translate or other machine translators to complete all or part of the essay, you will receive a zero as a grade for that essay.

Vocab quizzes will cover any and all vocabulary presented in the chapter.

Oral interviews will be conducted on a one-on-one basis between the professor and each student toward the end of the semester. These will be scheduled outside of class. The interviews will focus on the communicative structures practiced in this class. Evaluation will be based on mastery of these structures by each student.

Class participation grades will be given at the end of the semester based on the following guidelines:

A: always prepared for class; always makes effort to use German; not absent more than twice

B: usually prepared for class; usually makes effort to use German; not absent more than twice

C: sometimes prepared, but effort is uneven; not absent more than five times

D: present, but makes not particular effort; not absent more than five times

F: absent more than five times

Attendance is absolutely crucial to success in studying a foreign language. Therefore, each absence after the fifth 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, etc.) or official university business (intercollegiate athletics, Model UN, etc.) will be excused (verifiable documentation **must** be provided). Absences for routine seasonal illnesses (colds, the flu, strep throat, allergies, etc.) will not be excused—this is why you are given 3 free absences.

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.

Missed exams. Make-up exams will only be administered if student missed exam due to a sufficiently serious reason and can document the reason for missing class. Otherwise, a grade of '0' will be assigned for any missed exams.

JagAlert is an academic program intended to help students be successful in 100 and 200 level courses. If you are not doing well, you will receive an email instructing you to see your professor and academic advisor. JagAlert emails will be sent to students in danger of failing the course around week 6 of this semester. If you receive a JagAlert, please take immediate action (including speaking to your instructor) to turn your performance around before it's too late.

The Academic Integrity Policy of the Department of Foreign Languages will be observed and enforced in this course. Details are available on the Department's website: http://www.southalabama.edu/languages/documents/Academic_Integrity_Policy_FLL.pdf

Academic Disruption. This course will adhere to the Academic Disruption Policy as described in the *The Lowdown*.

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/>).

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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 (5825 Old Shell Road, 460-7212) will certify a disability and advise faculty members of reasonable accommodations.

Unforeseen Changes. 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/>).