CARROLL UNIVERSITY

Program of Modern Languages and Literatures
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Welcome to German 202!! We are happy you have decided to continue learning German as a foreign language and hope you enjoy this course.

The primary goal of German 202 is to help you develop your ability to use German to communicate and to do so with good grammatical and cultural accuracy.

It requires that you SPEAK and actively participate in this course! WE ALSO WANT YOU TO HAVE FUN!! This may be your only class this semester in which you will really get to know the other students. Take advantage of this opportunity.

Some important things to know about German 202:

- we will work on the “4 skills”: speaking, listening, reading and writing
- this means that active participation in class is necessary!!
- the homework you prepare before class will help you in class
- attendance is mandatory (call or email if you can’t come to class!!)
- we will be speaking only German in class
- don’t be afraid to participate—we all make mistakes and mistakes are a natural part of learning a foreign language!

Course materials:
1. Studio 21, B1.2 Das Deutschbuch: Funk; Kuhn; Winzer-Kiontke (REQUIRED)
2. A Binder for German class materials
3. Dictionary (RECOMMENDED)

Assessment and Evaluation

Preparation— (15%)
Preparation consists of assigned homework (whether turned in or not), the exercises in your book and familiarity with the vocabulary that you are expected to learn and be able to work with in class. Completion of assignments on time is expected. NO LATE HOMEWORK ACCEPTED, NO REWRITES and no extra credit will be allowed to make up for missed assignments.
Participation — (15%)
The participation grade will be based on your willingness to volunteer in class and answer questions when called on, to work with a partner and in a group, and to show respect to your classmates and instructor. This includes paying attention in class and coming on time!! Having a good attitude in class will make the course more enjoyable for everyone. There will be a regular self-assessment of your preparation and participation that will factor into your Participation grade. If you have any questions regarding the Participation grade criteria, talk to your instructor.

Presentation — (10%)

Writing Assignments — (15%)
You will be writing three essays each worth 5%. You may be asked to write more than one draft and you will be required to turn in all drafts with your final copy. YOU ABSOLUTELY NEED TO BRING A HARD COPY TO CLASS AND ALSO EMAIL YOUR ESSAY TO YOUR INSTRUCTOR. Essays must be 400 words, typed and double-spaced. No assistance beyond reference materials (i.e., no tutoring) unless discussed ahead of time with your instructor. **No late essays will be accepted. Any essays that show evidence of plagiarism will receive an automatic F. No technology excuses.** Essays must be turned in at the beginning of the class period.

Tests —
Quizzes (10%) Test 1 (15%) Final exam (20%)

→ If you fail to show up for any test or quiz without having obtained permission from your instructor prior to the test, you may earn a zero for that test or quiz and not be allowed to make it up. **Contact your instructor before you miss class!**

Attendance — Regular attendance is required. THREE absences are allowed for the semester (note: quiz/test attendance policy always applies). Religious days of obligation will be excused if the instructor is notified in advance. **Absences affect your final grade!** Your final grade will decrease by 1 percentage point per absence after three. **However, if you miss more than 9 classes you will receive an automatic F in this course. If you will be tardy to class more than 3 times it will be counted as an absence.** Contact your instructor as soon as possible if you have a legitimate reason for missing class. **Treat German class like a job** — call, text or email your instructor if you cannot make it to class!! Missing class hurts the whole class, not just you! **SEE THE COMPLETE ATTENDANCE POLICY BELOW!**

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Total 100 Missed exam or quiz = 0 (* No A+ for final grades)
Policies

If you need special accommodations in order to meet any of the requirements of this course, please contact the instructor as soon as possible. In addition, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the requirements of this course, including what is expected of you in class, i.e., participation, homework, tests, or anything else, discuss this with your instructor as soon as possible. You are responsible for reading this syllabus thoroughly and understanding the requirements and assessment measures for this course.

Special Accommodations

Students with documented disabilities who may need accommodations or any student considering obtaining documentation should make an appointment with Ms. Martha Bledsoe, Director of Services for Students with Disabilities, no later than the first week of class. She can be reached by calling 262-524-7335 or contacting her via email at mbledsoe@cc.edu

Academic Integrity: I expect honesty and fairness. Plagiarism is illegal. The Carroll University Academic Integrity Policy is located in your student handbook (https://my.carrollu.edu/ICS/Departments/Student_Affairs).

I encourage you to familiarize yourself with it. If a student violates this policy in any way, I reserve the right to impose a sanction of failure on the assignment/assessment or failure in the course. If you have questions about appropriate citations, please ask.

Attendance policy: Second-year German

Please know that attendance is not the same as course participation. Rather, attendance is a prerequisite of course participation. As most foreign language courses, the German language courses have a strict attendance policy. You are allowed the equivalent of 3 absences per semester [i.e., for day classes that meet 3 days a week, 3 absences are allowed; no explanations necessary. Every absence beyond those allowed will lead to a 1% deduction in your final course grade. For example, if you are in a 3-day class and miss six times, 3% will be deducted from your final grade. However, if you miss more than 9 times – you won’t be able to complete this course, as you will receive an automatic F, unless the absence was caused by severe illness, stay at a hospital, etc.

That’s why you may choose to use your “allowed” absences for reasons of illness, personal business, or traveling (e.g., before Thanksgiving or Spring Break). Please do know that if you "choose" to use allowed absences for minor reasons and then encounter more compelling circumstances such an illness, no "extra" allowed absences will be added. Do not look upon these "allowed" absences as vacation days. And if you do, realize that once your "vacation days" and "sick leave" have been used, no exceptions can be made. Religious days of obligation will be excused if the instructor is notified in advance.

We understand that students get ill or may encounter other unexpected circumstances which prevent them from coming to class. Nevertheless, being in class, using German, and participating in real-life communication are essential course requirements and can neither be made up through alternative methods (i.e., like extra credit) nor can these activities be foregone without jeopardizing the outcome of the class. Some have argued that passing exams and quizzes should be taken as a sufficient indication of progress. Unfortunately, our testing and evaluation methods
of language use are not comprehensive enough to sustain this argument. Much goes on in class that cannot and never will be "tested". If you realize that you will have to miss more classes than are allowed, perhaps due to extenuating circumstances such as a chronic illness or because of other ongoing obligations, you should consider dropping this class. You will be responsible for the consequences (i.e., a lowered grade) if you do not. There are no grades of "incomplete" in foreign language classes, even under the most compelling circumstances. The nature of the course simply does not allow for it. If you feel you cannot complete the semester's assignments, please consider dropping the class.

Please also know that not coming to class does not excuse you from (1) turning in assignments due on the day of the absence; or (2) knowing about assignments given or test/quiz dates set on the day of your absence. If at all possible, email or call your teacher in advance of your absence but be sure to follow up immediately, either with your teacher or classmates. Please know that any gaps in communication are yours and not the teacher's to resolve.

Exams or other assignments missed by you due to an absence can only be made up at your teacher's discretion. Missing an exam or assignment due to absence from class may result in a point/grade reduction or a zero score. Your teacher will show good will if it seems reasonable but you cannot expect to not suffer any penalties.

**Classroom expectations**

I expect students to have the attitude required to learn a foreign language. It involves commitments, openness to culture, sounds of which are unfamiliar, and curiosity. It also implies respect for everything that comes from another part of the world. It requires acceptance of different ways of thinking and different habits. Please note that any disrespect of other students, cultures, races, or creeds will not be tolerated.

**Classroom decorum**

In the spirit of professionalism and respect for others, no food, cell phones, pagers, lap top computers, or headphones are allowed during class.

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**202 SEMESTERPLAN**

*The instructor and the University reserve the right to modify, amend, or change the syllabus (course requirements, grading policy, etc.) as the curriculum and/or program require(s).*

**Note:** homework will be assigned on a daily basis by your instructor. Please write down all homework assignments! Contact your instructor or another classmate if you have any questions regarding the assignments. Confusion is not a legitimate excuse for not turning in homework on time!!
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*Auf Wiedersehen und best wishes for a great winter break!!*

Please don’t forget to register for your next German course as soon as possible to help ensure that it does not get cancelled!