

Syllabus: German II

Course Description

More citizens of the EU speak German than any other language! For centuries, it has been one of the key languages of academic scholarship, particularly in the fields of science and theology. It has a rich literary history, encompassing hundreds of novelists, playwrights, and poets. German II will review the basics of German grammar and vocabulary in the first 8 weeks and then spend the rest of the year reading, translating, and analyzing German texts, both contemporary and historical. German texts studied will include the Luther Bible, fairy tales, short stories, and both classical and contemporary, popular music.

Attendance and Participation

Both attendance and participation are vital parts of this course; therefore, students are required to attend class sessions and participate actively in discussions. Students are expected to view archives of any missed classes, and are responsible for obtaining any notes or assignments.

Students will be given quarterly grades for both participation and attendance:

- Fifteen percent of the final grade will be attributed to *relevant class participation*. This includes raising one's hand, commenting regularly via microphone/webcam, and using the chat box regularly to contribute to the academic conversation. Included in the class participation grade will be your preparation for the reading in German assigned for each class session as evidenced by your translation in class, when called upon, of any part of the day's reading.
- Five percent of the final grade will be attributed to *class attendance*. Being present, being on time, and readiness for class are all factors to be considered in the class attendance grade. *Excused* absences will not detrimentally impact attendance grades.

Grading rubrics are located in the Course Documents folder in each course page.

Assignments & Exams

There will be fifteen quizzes assigned over the course of the year. The first five quizzes will cover the basic elements of German grammar (verb conjugation and pronouns, tenses, articles & inflections, modals, word order & conjunctions and passive and subjunctive moods). There will be one review quiz per week for the first five weeks of the year. After the review quizzes, there will be quizzes covering the content of each of the reading assignments in German. You can expect these to cover specific vocabulary and to ask questions in German which require answers in German about the content of the reading assignments. There

will also be a midterm and final exam. All quizzes will be due at 11:55 PM ET on the date shown.

Evaluation

The final grade is determined on the following basis:

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| ● Class Attendance | 5% |
| ● Relevant Class Participation | 15% |
| ● Quizzes | 40% |
| ● Midterm/Final Assessment | 40% |

Grading Scale

The following grading scale will apply for all assignments and final grades. 100% – 90% = A; 89% - 80% = B; 79% - 70% = C; 69% - 60% = D; 59% - 50% = E; 49% - 40% = F. All grades are rounded to the nearest whole number.

Late Work

If a student fails to submit any assessment by the due date, it is considered “late.”

- Assignments submitted 0-24 hours late will result in a 10 point reduction off earned grade.
- Assignments submitted 24-48 hours late will result in a 20 point reduction off earned grade.
- Assignments submitted 48-72 hours late will result in a 30 point reduction off earned grade.
- Assignments over 72 hours late will not be accepted and the student will receive a zero.
- Parent may request an extension from their child’s teacher *prior to the due date* or in the case of an emergency.

While we love grace and the opportunity to exercise it, we also desire to instill a sound sense of responsibility in our students, hence these expectations pertaining to late work.

Exam/Test Retakes

Any student may retake a failed assessment (except quizzes), but can score no higher than 70% on the retake. Retakes must be submitted within one week of the returned, failed test. If the retake is not submitted within one week, the original failing grade will stand.

Academic Dishonesty

Cheating on any assignment is considered academic dishonesty. This includes plagiarism in any form. Cheating will be dealt with in the following manner:

- If a student is caught cheating, he will receive a zero on the assignment and will be placed on academic probation for the remainder of the school year.
- If the same student is caught cheating again, he will likely be expelled.
- No refunds will be granted for students who are expelled due to cheating.

- A Disciplinary Action Form will be submitted by the student's teacher for any instance of academic dishonesty.

Textbooks

The books needed for the class can be purchased through Veritas Press. It is extremely important that the student has the correct version/edition of these materials.

German II Course Kit (003681)

- German Short Stories 1 (435378)
- German Short Stories 2 (435382)

Course Calendar

See Course Assignment Sheet, located on course page, for class dates, breaks and all assignments and assessments. Class dates and breaks can also be found on the current academic year calendar.