

German 105  
Spring Semester 2009  
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**Classes meet:** M/W/F from 8:50 to 10:00 am, in Comenius 213

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**Course materials:** *Deutsch heute*, Eighth Edition (textbook and 2 CDs)  
*Arbeitsheft* (workbook) chapter ex., self-tests, video vocab  
*Unterwegs* and *Neue Horizonte* (course program videos)

**Course contents:** *Deutsch heute* is a three semester introductory German program for college students. During this semester we will cover chapters five through eight. These chapters (*Kapitel*) center around cultural themes such as leisure activities, university life, modern families and give a snapshot of Austria, one of the German speaking countries. The workbook combines written exercises for each chapter in the textbook with pre/post viewing activities for the different video segments.

**Course objective:** This course intends to balance an oral approach to language learning with a clear understanding of grammatical principles. Each chapter in the textbook and the accompanying materials offer practice in the four language skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking. At the end of the course students should be able to read and understand texts, newspaper ads and articles in the target language and engage in conversation about the various chapter topics. **Communication** is the central focus of this course. Through the *Land und Leute* articles students will gain insight into the culture of German speaking countries.

**Assignments:** All assignments, written and oral, are to be done prior to class. Students should come to class prepared and ready to communicate. Most grammar concepts introduced in the textbook are easily understood, however I will simplify or expand as needed and assign homework for practice. The workbook exercises due at the end of each chapter will be graded.

**Attendance policy:** Since learning a foreign language is a cumulative process whereby new vocabulary, phrases and grammatical concepts are added to previously learned ones increases with the amount of exposure to the target language and since class participation constitutes a substantial part of this course, students are expected to attend every class.

Proposed Semester Schedule and Contents covered:

- Jan 19 Introduction, Procedures, Video: Aufwiedersehen Germany  
 Jan 21 review present tense, negation, possessive adjectives. 2x 3 p 50, 4x 16x17 p 87  
 Jan 23 review imperative (commands), accusative case, modal verbs 16 p/16  
 20 p/18  
 1 p/15  
 1 p/17
- Jan 26 Ch. 5, 179-185: conjunctions; ex. 1 and 5 fill-in, wb ex L and M  
 Jan 28 Ch. 5, 185-193: dative pronouns/prepositions; ex 18 and 22; hand-in ex 20  
 Jan 30 grammar review, prep for test (scan workbook exercises, do self-test)
- Feb 2 Test I; hw: Ch. 5, 173-177: text; vocab, read/understand, ex 1 page 178  
 Feb 4 Ch. 5, 170-177: translate and discuss text  
 Feb 6 Video: Supercities Vienna; workbook ex. Ch. 5 due
- Feb 9 Ch. 6, 217-223: present perfect tense; ex 2 and 8; hand-in ex. 6  
 Feb 11 Ch. 6, 224-229: irreg. past participles, use of aux. *sein*; ex. 12, 14, 16  
 Feb 13 Ch. 6, 230-238: grammar summary; ex. 3, 4, 5
- Feb 16 Ch. 6, 208-213: text, *Freizeit und Urlaub* discussion; translation and ex. 2  
 Feb 18 Ch. 6, 202-208: more on ch. topic; ex. 8.2 page 234, wb ex J and K  
 Feb 20 grammar review; workbook ex. Ch. 6 due (skip E and F)
- Feb 23 Test II; prep for test (ex. 13, 17 on CD and 21; self-test)  
 Feb 25 Ch. 6, 214-215: *Kleidungsstücke*; ex. 2 and 3, wb ex. E  
 Feb 27 Video: *Karneval in Mannheim*; write diary for the past 6 days (2 entries ea)
- Mar 2 SPRING RECESS  
 Mar 4 FRÜHLINGS-  
 Mar 6 FERIEN

- Mar 9 Ch. 7, 240-245: *Hausarbeit und Wohnen*; CD ex. chapters 6 and 7; no hw
- Mar 11 Ch. 7, 245-249, 252: vocab 1 and 2, read text, write about your break (6-8)
- Mar 13 Ch. 7, 246-247: text (*Austauschstudent in Deutschland*) translate/ discuss
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- Mar 16 Ch. 7, 253-259: two-way prep., transitive/intrans. verbs; ex. 1, 2, 3
- Mar 18 Ch. 7, 260-263: verb/preposition combinations; ex. 4, 5, 6
- Mar 20 Ch. 7, 264-267: time expressions dat. or acc., da-/wo-compounds; ex. 12, 3
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- Mar 23 Ch. 7, 270-276: grammar review; ex. 4 and 5, wb ex. D and E
- Mar 25 **Test III**; complete wb exercises (skip K)
- Mar 27 **workbook ex. Ch. 7 due**; p 265 and article from JFK's book: Germans in A.
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- Mar 30 student presentations 3 to 4 minutes each
- Apr 1 Ch. 8, 280-285: *Modernes Leben*; translate 1st paragraph, ex. 1, 2, 3 *video*
- Apr 3 Ch. 8, 280-282: topic discussion; translate, read cultural articles, wb ex. M
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- Apr 6 Ch. 8, 278-279: personal ads and statistics; wb ex. A, B, L
- Apr 8 Ch. 8, 286-291: the genitive case; ex. 4, 5, 7
- Apr 10 **GOOD FRIDAY** no classes
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- Apr 13 **EASTER MONDAY** no classes
- Apr 15 Film "Luther" part 1; ex. 4, 5, 6 (pages 301-302)
- Apr 17 Film "Luther" part 2; ex. 6 p 160: tell where and what, use two-way prep.
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- Apr 20 Ch. 8, 292-297: adjective endings; ex. 8 and 11 (state case)
- Apr 22 Ch. 8, 298-305: ordinal numbers; wb ex. G, H, I
- Apr 24 wb ex. K page 39-40: *Als Student in Dresden*: comprehending a text
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- Apr 27 **workbook ex. Ch. 8 due**; course review
- Apr 29 course review; practice papers
- May 1 course review; all outstanding work due