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German 102
Spring Semester 2002

Course Description:

German 102 is the second semester of the introductory German course designed for students with little or no knowledge of German. With emphasis on communicative competence, this course provides practice in all four skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students will be exposed to a variety of learning materials to introduce them to the language and culture of the modern German speaking countries: textbook, audio and video materials, workbook and CD-ROM activities. Students who do not have access to a CD-ROM drive or the Internet can use the new FLL computer lab in LA 104 to work with the CD-ROM that accompanies the textbook and to access the publisher's website.

Learning a language is time-consuming and involves a substantial amount of memorization. Homework assignments will include: review of the material covered in class, Preview of the material to be covered on the following class day, listening practice with the audio program, interactive CD-ROM activities and workbook exercises. Students should be prepared to spend at least two hours per day practicing on their own.

Also vitally important is active Participation in class, as this is the only way to establish and improve communicative skills. Moreover, since there will be a lot of group and partner work, your absence detracts from the learning experience of your classmates as well. Consequently, attendance is mandatory. After the first 7 absences your final grade will automatically be reduced by one letter grade, after 14 absences by two letter grades, etc. Students who feel they are falling behind or need help with a specific problem are encouraged to consult with their instructor.

There will be chapter tests after each of the six chapters of the textbook covered in the spring semester, as well as quizzes. The final examination will be comprehensive, and all sections of German 102 will take the final exam together from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2002 in the Urey Underground Lecture Hall. Please note that the time for the Final Exam does not correspond to the normal exam schedule determined by the hour of the class meeting. Plan now to keep this time free!

Your final grade will be determined in approximately the following way: 60% tests and quizzes, 20% final examination, 20% class participation and homework.

Required Texts:

Textbook, Cassette and CD-ROM: Widmaier & Widmaier, *Treffpunkt Deutsch*, 3rd edition. Englewood Cliffs: Prentice-Hall, 1999.

Arbeitsbuch to accompany *Treffpunkt Deutsch*, 3rd edition.

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Jan. 28 - Feb. 8	Kapitel 7
Feb. 11	Test on Kapitel 7
Feb. 12 - 26	Kapitel 8
Feb. 27	Test on Kapitel 8
Feb. 28 - Mar. 14	Kapitel 9
Mar. 15	Test on Kapitel 9
Mar. 25 - Apr. 5	Kapitel 10
Apr. 8	Test on Kapitel 10
Apr. 9 - 22	Kapitel 11
Apr. 23	Test on Kapitel 11
Apr. 24 - May 7	Kapitel 12
May 8	Test on Kapitel 12
May 9 - 10	Review
Monday, May 13	Final Exam 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. Urey Underground Lecture Hall

Note: The Final exam is a common final for all sections of German 102 and is listed in the class schedule for Spring Term 2002. Please make all possible arrangements to be there at this time!