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German 101 -Course Description

German 101 is the first 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. In addition to the textbook and its ancillaries, students will be exposed to a variety of learning materials to introduce them to the language and culture of modern Germany: Internet activities, video and audio materials, transparencies, songs, etc. The FLL computer lab located in LA 104 will facilitate use of the companion website that accompanies the textbook and additional computer-based grammar drills

Learning a language is time-consuming and involves a substantial amount of memorization. Daily homework assignments will include: review of material covered in class, preview of the material to be covered the following day, textbook, workbook and lab-based exercises.

Students should be prepared to spend up to two hours per day practicing and studying outside of class.

Also vitally important is active participation in class, as this is the only way to establish and improve communication 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. Repeated, unexcused absences can result in a lower or failing grade. A student's final grade may drop one letter grade for every 7 unexcused absences. Students who feel they are falling behind or need help with a specific problem are encouraged to consult with their instructor, who can either help the student during office hours or, when appropriate, refer the student to a tutor.

There will be chapter tests after each of chapters one through five, as indicated on the attached syllabus. The final examination will be comprehensive, and all sections of German 101 will take the final exam together from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. on Monday, December 15, 2003 at a site to be announced. **Please note that the time of 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 as follows:

65% tests and quizzes

20% final exam

15% homework

Textbooks: Widmaier & Widmaier