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# GRMN 302: ORAL AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

Frühling 2016

Mo Mi Fr 11:10-12:00 im LA 244

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Büro: LA 332; Sprechstunden: Mo Mi Fr 15 Uhr und nach Vereinbarung

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## Course Description

This course focuses on practicing and expanding German language skills. Students will practice reading, writing, listening, and speaking German. They will learn about cultural aspects of German-speaking countries, as well as important historical events of the twentieth century. The course will use reading assignments to facilitate **discussion** between the students and instructor and **discussion** in groups. It is expected that discussion will be in German.

## Learning Outcomes

1. Students will further develop their self-confidence in using spoken and written German.
2. Students will integrate known and new vocabulary and grammar in oral and written assignments.
3. Students will deepen their cultural awareness of German-speaking countries on a comparative basis.

## Required Texts

- *Anders Gedacht. Text und Context in the German-Speaking World.* Motyl-Mudretzkyj / Späinghaus. Third Edition
- *Übungsbuch zu Anders Gedacht.* Späinghaus. Third Edition

## Semesterplan (tentativ)

**Note: Class attendance is mandatory also because homework will be assigned in each class period for the following class session!**

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| 1. – 3. Woche: | 25.1. – 17.2. | = Einheit 5 (Lola rennt)                   |
| 3. – 6. Woche: | 19.2. – 11.3. | = Einheit 6 (Stationen der Geschichte)     |
| 6. – 11. Woche | 14.3. – 15.4. | = Einheit 8 (Umgang mit der Vergangenheit) |

**14. März: MIDTERM**

4. April – 8. April      SPRING BREAK

11. – 15. Woche:      18.4. – 6.5. = Einheit 10 (Das Leben im anderen Deutschland)

**FINAL: Donnerstag, 12. Mai um 10 Uhr 10**

<b>Wichtige Daten:</b>	<b>Feiertag (President's Day):</b>	<b>15. Februar</b>
	<b>Midterm:</b>	<b>14. März</b>
	<b>Spring Break:</b>	<b>4.-8. April</b>
	<b>Final:</b>	<b>12. Mai (Do) um 10 Uhr 10</b>
	<b>Last day to withdraw</b>	<b>12. Februar</b>
		<b>(with refund)</b>

### **Course Guidelines and Policies**

Please note the course guidelines and policies below under the headings: "Student Conduct and Student Conduct Code," "Attendance," "Course Withdrawal," "Disability Modifications," "Assignment Expectations," and "Grading."

Additionally, unless indicated as acceptable or suggested for a particular activity, please do not use electronic/personal communication devices in class and place them on a setting that will not interrupt class. Thanks.

#### **Student Conduct and Student Conduct Code:**

Recognize that it is the obligation of the instructor as well as students to maintain a climate of consideration and respect for all those who participate in the course. A good deal of the course will involve the sharing of views and opinions on various topics. It is important that they are exchanged and discussed in a considerate, productive manner so that everyone has the chance to participate eagerly and fairly. Please refer to the Student Conduct Code of the University as it pertains to your responsibility to be respectful of your fellow students, abide by campus policies, and to hand in work and/or perform activities assigned to reflect your own work as indeed representing your own efforts and research. The Code is available for review online at:

[http://www.umt.edu/vpsa/policies/student\\_conduct.php](http://www.umt.edu/vpsa/policies/student_conduct.php)

#### **Attendance:**

It is expected that all students will attend class when the course meets. Except under unusual circumstances, if a student misses 4 class sessions during the semester, *the final grade will be lowered* by half a grade: A- becomes B+. Likewise, if a student misses more than 7 class sessions during the semester, the final grade will be lowered one whole grade: A becomes B, B becomes C, etc. Missing more than 12 sessions may be regarded as grounds for failing the course.

**Course Withdrawal:**

Your instructor follows general University guidelines and deadlines concerning course withdrawal. Those policies can be found online at:

<http://www.umn.edu/uac/adddrop.php>

**Disability Modifications:**

This course offers equal opportunity in education for all participants, including those with documented physical and documented learning disabilities. If you think you may have a disability adversely affecting your academic performance and you have not already registered with Disability Services for Students, please contact Disability Services for Students (DSS) in Lommason Center, Room 154, or call 406-243-2243. The DSS website is: <http://www.umn.edu/dss/>

Your instructor will work with you and DSS to provide appropriate modifications. Please note that your instructor can only provide modifications if notified and that such modifications are made after an instructor has been given appropriate information and formal indication by the student and DSS.

**Assignment Expectations:**

Please follow and adhere to directions given for course assignments. If directions are not clear, be sure to consult your instructor as soon as possible. Assignments are expected to be handed in on time for full credit. The midterm and final exams are expected to be taken on the days for which they are scheduled. Unless subject to special circumstances (documented illness, family emergency, university-related absence or travel, religious observation, or other possible reasons you may discuss with your instructor) or by agreement with your instructor beforehand, missed tests will result in no credit for those tests.

**Grading:**

Since the course is intended to be participatory, daily attendance is required. The final grade will be based on: **attendance** and class **participation** (note again: both are **mandatory**), **homework**, **essays**, **presentations**, and **midterm** and **final exams**.

Attendance	80 points (40 x 2)
Midterm	100
Final	150
Homework/ Participation	200 (4x50)
Presentation	50
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	580 points