

COURSE OUTLINE

GERMAN LANGUAGE PRACTICE (German 5A/105)

Spring 2009 MWF 10-10:50

Mariposa 2032

class call number: 5A (34133)

105 (35345)

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Language LABORATORY facilities are located second floor of Mariposa Hall, Mariposa 2002.

Tapes may be listened to in the lab, checked out or copied.

The lab assistant will copy tapes for you, if provided with a 60 minute tape.

Textbook and Materials to be purchased:

Textbooks:

1. Decker/Sedwick, *Conversation in German*: Boston: Heinle & Heinle

2. Crossgrove/Crossgrove, *Grader German Reader*, D.C. Heath and Co.

3. 25 882E Scantron forms for T/F quizzes on the radio play

Recommended

4. Zorach and Melin, *English Grammar for Students of German*. Olivia & Hill

5A Catalogue Description: Practice with German conversation and vocabulary; supervised individual and small-group instruction designed to develop German vocabulary, including conversation and listening skills at an intermediate level.

Note: Meets the Foreign Language Graduation Proficiency Requirement. May be taken for credit four times. 3 units.

105 Advanced German Language Practice. Supervised individual and small-group practice for upper-division students desiring to improve their German language skills, especially conversation, listening and vocabulary. Some written work may be assigned. May be taken for credit three times, but may count only once for major or minor credit. 3 units.

Course Description: Supervised language practice/ small group or individual instruction designed to develop German language skills. Students in 5A should have the equivalent of German 1B; students in 105 should have completed 2B, or have instructor's permission.

The course focuses on the essential elements of effective communication. The FOUR basic language skills (speaking, aural comprehension, reading and writing) are practiced. Attention will be given to the learning of proper German pronunciation, learning basic grammatical structures and communications skills, and beginning the acquisition of the four language skills.

The interrelationship of language with culture and civilization will be an integral aspect of our readings. Classroom activities will include the reading aloud of German texts, translation and grammar review. Part of each class meeting will be devoted to conversational practice and vocabulary building. Each student is expected to prepare the assigned vocabulary and memory work in order to participate meaningfully in the group practice. Listening and comprehension practices will feature a variety of activities. We will view films and videos and listen to different types of texts, radio plays, fairy tales, anecdotes, and dictations with attention to listening comprehension.

Student Responsibilities:

Attendance. This is a practice course: interaction with your teacher, your fellow students, or with audio- or videotaped materials is indispensable. You are required to attend each class meeting for the entire class period. Late assignments will not be accepted and make-up tests will not be scheduled. More than three unexcused absences will result in a reduction of your final grade.

Class Work. All students are expected to participate meaningfully in all classroom activities.

For conversational practice small groups will be organized according to ability.

Preparation of the assigned material and memorization of the assigned vocabulary will facilitate your meaningful participation. Some part of each class meeting will be devoted to listening comprehension, videotape immersion, dialogs, dictations, and comprehension exercises.

You will need 25 882E Scantron forms for the semester for the quizzes on the radio play.

Each student is expected to maintain a folder containing all written work assignments for the semester. The folder should contain: completed grammar sheets, written answers to assigned questions from the Reader and Conversation text, quizzes on vocabulary, grammar, reading assignments, radio play, and all completed writing assignments.

Evaluation. The final grade which you earn in this course will derive from the quality of your class participation, your participation in the conversation groups, the written materials in your folders, periodic quizzes and a final exam which will evaluate your progress from beginning to end of the course. The final exam is scheduled for Monday, May 18th in Mariposa 2032 from 10:15-12:15

Tests and homework: Grading Scale: 90-100% =A, 80-89% =B, 70-79% =C, 60-69% = D, less than 60% F

(For students making class presentations that require use of smart classroom facilities, please contact IT techs personally in MRP 2054, in advance of your presentation date, for assistance with specific cords and attachments to be used with projectors and laptops.)

Students with special needs should consult the University's office for services to Students for Disabilities.