

German 110
Elementary German I
Fall, 2009
Dr. Stern

Meeting time: MW 11:25-12:35 in NH012

Office hours: M 10-11; T 9-10:30; W 9-10 in NH225

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Text: Dollenmayer and Hansen, Neue Horizonte, 7th edition. The text with workbook and CD is available as a package in the bookstore.

Goals for the Course. Please see the catalog. German 120 serves to fulfill the foreign language requirement.

Grading: There will be a chapter test for each chapter covered during the semester. We will cover chapters 1-4 in addition to the introductory chapter and there will be a comprehensive final exam in December. A raw grade will be compiled from the chapter tests and the final exam, which will then be adjusted up- or downward to take into account class participation.

The grade range is: 90-100 'A', 80-89 'B', 'C' 70-79, 'D' 60-69.

I will make use of the plus/minus option.

Chapter tests will be announced at least 2 class days in advance and no test will be made up unless there are compelling reasons and prior arrangements have been made. No test grades are dropped but a low test grade that I regard as atypical will count for less.

Attendance: I will keep a record of attendance. Students are allowed 3 absences for the semester. For every 2 absences after that ½ a letter grade will be deducted. Needless to say, an 'A' for the course presupposes active participation which, in turn, presupposes regular attendance. If you find that you are unable to attend a class, please e-mail me and I will send you the assignment for the next class.

A few general comments: don't hesitate to speak up in class. Learning to speak a foreign language, at whatever level, requires that the learner be uninhibited to a certain degree. If you wait until you can say everything perfectly before speaking up, you will never make much progress; 2) learning a foreign language requires **daily** effort, regardless how often the class meets. Be sure to spend a least some time each day reviewing the material we have already covered and working ahead on the next assignment. The workload for a fl course is typically moderate. Students often get into difficulty in fl courses when they

let their assignments pile up. It is very difficult to catch up in a fl course; 3) a very simple and effective way to stay on top of the material is to come to class regularly. "80% of success is showing up." (Woody Allen); 4) there is ALWAYS homework and it consists of a review of what was done in class and preparation for the next class.

If you have had German before, either in high school or elsewhere, and are in doubt whether you belong in this class, be sure to check with me. This class is intended for beginners. If you are beyond that level, you should not be in this class.

Note: we will not meet on 10/14 and 11/23.