

German 115 (Fall, 2009)
German 125 (Spring, 2010)
Dr. Stern

Meeting Time: **MW 4:10-5:25 in NH 117**

Office Hours: **M 10-11, T 9-10:30, W 9-10** in NH 225. If these times don't work for you, let
me know and we can arrange another time.

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e-mail: hstern@unca.edu. I check my e-mail several times a day and encourage you to write me at any time with questions, concerns, etc.

Text: Korb, Jannach's German for Reading Knowledge, 6th edition.

Goals for the Course: Please check the catalog. Note that completion of German 115 and German 125 fulfills the foreign language requirement.

Grading: We will have tests every 6th-7th class. We will cover one chapter about every 2-3 meetings. In the course of the semester we will have 3 (perhaps 4) tests, **vocabulary quizzes** and a final exam. Tests and the final will be given equal weight, **the quizzes will constitute one test grade (the 2 lowest quizzes are dropped)** The grade range: 90-100 'A', 80-89 'B', 70-79 'C', 60-69 'D', below 60 'F'. I also use + and - notations in grading.

Tests will be announced the week before they are given. No tests may be made up unless there are compelling reasons AND prior arrangements have been made.

Attendance: Regular attendance is essential to successful completion of the course. Excessive absences usually result in students falling behind. It is especially difficult to catch up in foreign language courses and so I urge students to attend regularly and to complete assignments on time.

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

Assignments: Each class we will work through about ½ a chapter and do exercises to make sure that the contents of the lesson are clearly understood. The assignment for the following class will be to rework the material covered in class and to work ahead for the coming class. If you are familiar with the chapter to be covered in class, you will be better able to understand my treatment of the material and also to ask relevant questions about points you may not have understood. Because this is a course designed to help you learn to read German you will not be learning vocabulary for active use. It is nevertheless essential that you work through (and rework) the vocabulary in each chapter. This is

best done by DAILY review of the chapter vocabulary list/s. You will find it much easier to learn by frequent review (10-15 minutes at a time) than by setting aside large blocks of time at infrequent intervals. Learning a foreign language requires repetition.

It is not a requirement of the course that you have a dictionary, but I encourage you to consider purchasing one. I will make some suggestion about which dictionaries you might consider.

If you are in need of a general grammar review, you might want to consider: Zorach and Melin, English Grammar for Students of German. 1994, Olivia and Hill Press (ISBN 0-934034-23-0)

There are vast resources on the internet and I will make some suggestions in the course of the semester on how you can best use them.