

German 420  
Stylistics  
Fall, 2009  
Dr. Stern

**Meeting Time:** T 6-8:30 in NH 119.

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**Text:** Turneure, Der treffende Ausdruck, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.

For the *course goals* please consult the catalog.

**Grading:** there will be 3 tests in the course of the semester and these will constitute 60% of the raw grade; the other 40% will be derived from weekly essays written in German and submitted every other Tuesday.

Tests will typically cover 2-3 chapters in the text. They will be announced at least one week in advance.

Regular and active participation in class are prerequisites for an 'A'. A good part of class participation will be the careful preparation of assigned exercises.

**Attendance:** This course is the final language course in the German curriculum and it presupposes a high level of commitment that is expressed in regular attendance and thorough preparation for class.

The text we are using is excellent but also very demanding and requires concerted and **daily** effort. Please divide up assignments in such a way that you are doing preparation each day for the twice weekly meetings. There is simply too much material to leave for the night before class. I assure you that regular and concentrated effort will prove worthwhile.

The language of instruction for this course will be German and students are expected to speak only German in class. As always, this can be difficult at the beginning of a semester but as we progress you should find things running smoothly with this format.

Note:

It is not required but at this point in your studies you should all have a comprehensive German-English, English-German dictionary. I strongly recommend Oxford-Duden, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (ISBN 0198602480). In most bookstores it costs about \$45-50. This dictionary is a masterpiece of lexicography and one of the finest dictionaries I have ever used. In general the dictionaries published by Langenscheidt are also of very high quality. There are also various dictionaries in

the library that you can use at any time.

**Note: we will not meet on October 20.**