German 1312.001          Spring 2012
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Class meets:           OCNR 118
When:                   T/TH from 5:30-6:45 p.m.
I am available to talk to students before or after class for 10-15 minutes in the classroom or, if more time is needed, the meeting can take place in the study lounge at the entrance of the hall

**Texts:**
Neue Horizonte, seventh edition
A German-English dictionary (recommended)

**Course description:**
This course is designed for students with one semester of German. With the help of the various exercises in the textbook as well as language lab practice, workbook exercises and other materials provided by the instructor, students will gain basic skills in the areas of listening comprehension, reading, writing, and speaking.

**German Student Learning Outcomes**
*At the end of this course students will demonstrate the ability to:*
- Communicate in various situations at the basic level;
- Understand and use a variety of vocabulary in different situations at the basic level;
- Understand and respond to oral and written material at the basic level;
- Demonstrate an awareness of cultural elements and understand their role in communication

**Attendance**
Attendance at every class meeting is mandatory and essential to the learning process. Absences make it difficult to catch up with the class; absences also affect your final grade (after the second absence, you will lose two points for every class you miss).
You are responsible for making up work missed during an absence. I will not provide reminders of work missed. It is of the utmost importance that you communicate with me as soon as you know that you will miss a class.

**Participation**
Participation is evaluated by the level of engagement students display in class, including the accuracy of their linguistic performance and preparation for class including completion of assignments to the best of their ability. A grade of “A” for participation can be earned by arriving on time and staying the full length of the class; by bringing appropriate materials; by volunteering frequently to participate and staying attentive to class activities.
**Language Lab and workbook Assignments**  
Specific language lab and workbook assignments as well as their due dates can be found in the course syllabus. Lab and/or workbook assignments turned in after midnight on the due date will be considered late and will receive an automatic 5 pt. reduction in grade for each day late. Workbook assignments are available online at the Quia website. Instructions on accessing the website will be discussed in class.

**Quizzes**  
The date of each quiz can be found in the course syllabus. In general, each chapter will be followed up with a quiz. In addition, memorized dialogues will be counted as quiz grades. The due date for dialogues refers to the end of my office hours on that date. You will need to make an appointment with me to perform your dialogue. Late policy applies. (5 points off for each late day)

**Exams**  
There will be a Mid-term exam and a Final exam. Dates are shown in the course syllabus.

**Grade Distribution**  
- Participation: 15%  
- Lab, workbook, etc: 15%  
- Quizzes: 20%  
- Midterm exams: 25%  
- Final exam: 25%

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**  

**Dates to remember:**
- January 9: Monday …………Faculty meeting  
- January 12: Thursday ……… Classes begin  
- January 16: Monday ……… Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday  
- January 19: Thursday ……… Last day to register or add a class  
- March 12-16: Monday-Friday……Springbreak  
- March 30: Friday …………Last day to drop a class  
- April 30: Monday …………Last day to withdraw from university  
- May 1: Tuesday …………Last day of classes  
- May 2: Wednesday …………Reading Day  
- May 3-4: Thursday-Friday… Final Examinations  
- May 7-9: Monday-Wednesday Final Examinations  
- May 10-11: Thursday-Friday… Grading days  
- May 12: Saturday …………Spring Commencement

**Academic Advising**  
Academic advisors are available to assist students with course selection, degree plans, and other academic matters. Each college has an academic advising center, staffed by full-time, professional advisors. In our college the undergraduate advisor is Linda Miller (825-3466, Natasha.crawford@tamucc.edu). The graduate advisor is Rachelle Stanley (825-3466,
Both are located on the second floor of Driftwood. Students who have yet to declare a major are advised by the Academic Advising Transition Center. For more information please call (361) 825-5931 or log on to http://www.tamucc.edu/~aac.

**Americans with Disabilities Act**
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Disability Services Office at 825-5816 or visit their office in Driftwood 101.

**Grade Appeal Process**
As stated in University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, and University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures. These documents are accessible through the University Rules Web site at http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.html. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Office of Student Affairs.

* How to read this syllabus: You will notice the listing of topics to be covered in each class. In addition, the assignments to be done outside of class are listed along with their due dates. Quizzes and tests are listed under the appropriate class meeting. Knowing the due dates of assignments and the various quiz/test dates well ahead of time will help you budget your study time. Keep in mind that additional assignments may be added to this syllabus. The specifics of any additional assignment or change in scheduled content will be announced in class.

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**Course Schedule**

  Overview of syllabus
  Almanach: Stellenangebote, Universität.
  Die Möbel

**Dienstag, 17. Januar**
  Das Imperfekt, Das Perfekt.
  Schwäche verben. P152
Donnerstag, 19. Januar
Past participles of verbs ending in iere
Starke Verben.

Language lab exercises  L6-1, L6-2, L6-3, L6-4, L6-5, L6-6, L6-7
due by Jan. 25th.

Dienstag, 24. Januar
Memorize „Am Semesteranfang” p146
Past participle of separable –prefix verbs
Past participle of inseparable –prefix verbs
2 ways prepositions an und auf. masculine w words

Donnerstag, 26. Januar

Review for quiz and troubleshoot
****Quiz over Kapitel 6 (all material up to this point)

Language lab exercises for Chap. 6 is due by Feb. 8th.
All Language lab work for Chap. 6 is due by Feb. 8th.

Dienstag, 31. Januar
Coordination conjunctions.

Donnerstag, 2. Februar
Verbs with dative objects

Dienstag, 7ten. Februar
Memorize dialogue, „Vor der Urlaubsreise” p. 175.
Vocabulary on travelling.

exercices  L7-1-L 7-5 due by Feb. 22rd.
exercices  W 7-A-W 7-E due by Feb. 22rd.
Donnerstag, 9ten. Februar –
****Quiz over Kapitel 7
Kap 8. Almanach: die Jugendherbergen
Das Leben in der Stadt
Vocabulary on table.
Subordinate clauses and subordination conjunctions

Dienstag, 14ten. Februar
Verlast. order in the subord clause.

Donnerstag, 16 Februar
Verbs with separate prefixes in subordonate clauses
Order of clauses in the sentence. Der infinitive satz

All Chapter 7 Language lab exercises Due March 9th.
All Chapter 7 workbook exercises Due March 9th.

Dienstag, 21.Februar
The genitive case, von+ dative prepositionwith genitive, measure, weight & #'s.die Konditorei, die Stadt.

Donnerstag, 23 Februar
Quiz over Kapitel 8

Dienstag, 28. Februar
Attribute adjectives add endings. The noun phrase.. rules for the use of adjective endings.

Donnerstag, 1. März
Word order of adverbs.: time/man/place.
Ordinal 3’s & dates.
Dienstag, 6. März


Exercises L8-1 through L8-5 due by March 23rd

Exercises W8-A through W8-E by Due March 23rd

Donnerstag, 8. März –
Quiz over Kapitel 9
Kapitel 10
Das Präteritum
Simple past of weak verbs.

Springbreak: 12-16 März

Dienstag, 20. März
Simple past of strong verbs.

Donnerstag, 22. März –
Simple past of modal verbs.
Simple past of mixed verbs.

Dienstag, 27 März
* Mid-term exam
Simple past of haben & werden.
Use of the simple past tense

- **All Chapter 8 Language lab exercises Due by April 7th.**
- **All Chapter 8 workbook exercises Due by April 7th.**

**Donnerstag, 29. März**
*Memorize dialogue „Schlimme Zeiten” p261*
Simple past after the conjunction als.
Equivalents of when: at, wenn, wann

**Dienstag, 3 April**–
Past perfect tense (das Plusquamperfekt)
More time expressions

**Donnerstag, 5. April** –
Duration ending in the past
Duration beginning in the past but continuing in the present.

- **Exercises L9-1 through L9-5 -due April 21st**
- **Exercises W 9-A through W 9-E due April 21st**

**Dienstag, 10. April**
*Memorize „Am Brandenburger Tor” P 289*
Vocabulary on Politics.
**Quiz Kapitel 10**
**Kapitel 11**
Almanach: German Politics

Donnerstag, 12. April
Reflexive verbs & pronouns
The pronoun einander

| All Chapter 9 Language lab exercises Due May 5th. |
| All Chapter 9 workbook exercises Due May 5th |

Dienstag, 17. April
Verbs with accusative reflexive pronouns
Reflexive verbs that are reflexive in German but not in English

Donnerstag, 19. April – Kapitel 5 Forts.
Verbs with dative reflexive pronouns
Verbs requiring the dative reflexive.

| Exercises L10-1 through L10-5 due by May 12th |
| Exercises W 10-A through W10-E due by May 12th |

Dienstag, 24. April
Dative pronouns w/clothing and parts of the body

Donnerstag, 26. April
Adjectives & pronouns of def & indef pronouns.

Dienstag, den 1sten Mai
Adjective nouns
Neuter adjective nouns referring to qualities.

Donnerstag, den 3ten Mai.
Review for final exam
Dienstag, den 8ten MAI.

- **Final exam**
- Viel Glück und gute Sommerferien!