

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

German 1420, Beginning German II

Fall 2009, Aug 26 – Dec 15

MTWF FH 9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

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Course description This course is a continuation of German studies. We will work on conversation, reading, writing, listening, vocabulary building, grammar and culture.

Required texts

Treffpunkt Deutsch, 5th edition, Widmaier et.al., Prentice Hall, 2008

Quia online workbook. (See the instructions to enroll)

Instructional methodology

The class meets MWF for 50 minutes. You will also meet in a lab on T with the Instructional Assistance.

In the class, we will mainly work on listening and speaking skills, and grammar.

Reading is going to be done at home. Your IA will work with you on writing skills.

Grading system

4 written chapters' tests	50% (12.5% each)
Quizzes	10%
Quia workbook	20%
Lab	10%
1 Oral exam	10%

Tests

The written chapters' tests will check your reading, listening, writing skills, grammar, and culture. They will be during the class time. You have to be on time. I'm not going to repeat the instructions or listening part of the test.

Retest only in emergency situations.

Quizzes

They will be announced. If you absent or late, you miss the quiz. If you start later, you need to finish with all other students.

Quia workbook

The homework assignments will help you to develop all skills. You need to turn it on time.

Lab is mandatory. Attendance is going to be checked and reported to me.

Oral exam

It is going to be a conversation with me and will include topics from chapters 5-8.

No extra credit!

Grade scale

A	100-90
B	89-80
C	79-70
D	69-60
F	59 –0

Course policies

- **Attendance** You may miss two classes (including lab). After the two absences, you will lose half a point of your final points for each additional class you missed. If you provide doctor's note or other official document explaining your absence, it will count as an excused absence.
- Be on time! You will miss the time on a quiz or test if you are late. You have to finish with all other students.
- No eating, drinking, chewing gum in class.
- No texting.
- No electronic devices might be used in class.
- Put your cell phone in a silent mode. If the phone goes off during a test or quiz, you will lose 5 points.

German 1420 COURSE SCHEDULE (Subject to change)

Week 1

Aug 26 Introduction to a course
Aug 28 Kapitel 5

Week 2

Aug 31, Sept 2, Sept 4 Kapitel 5

Week 3

Sept 9, 11 Kapitel 5

Week 4
Sept 14, 16 Kapitel 5
Sept 18 Review for Test 1

Week 5
Sept 21 **Test 1**
Sept 23, Sept 25 Kapitel 6

Week 6
Sept 28, Sept 30, Oct 2 Kapitel 6

Week 7
Oct 5, Oct 7, Oct 9 Kapitel 6

Week 8
Oct 12 Review for Test 2
Oct 14 **Test 2**
Oct 16 Kapitel 7

Week 9
Oct 19, Oct 21, Oct 23 Kapitel 7

Week 10
Oct 26, Oct 28, Oct 30 Kapitel 7

Week 11
Nov 2 Kapitel 7
Nov 4 Review for Test 3
Nov 6 **Test 3**

Week 12
Nov 9, Nov 11, Nov 13 Kapitel 8

Week 13
Nov 16, Nov 18, Nov 20 Kapitel 8

Week 14
Nov 23 Kapitel 8

Week 15
Nov 30 Kapitel 8
Dec 2 Review for Test 4
Dec 4 **Test 4**

Week 16

Review for the Oral Exam
Oral Exam