

## German 1410 Fall 2009

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### Course Description:

German 1410 is a communicative course in German. The primary goal of instruction in 1410 is to help you begin developing your ability to communicate in German (both in spoken and written language.)

Our class will meet M/W/F for 50 minutes. Additionally, you will meet in lab discussion sections on either Tuesday or Thursday during the week – attendance in lab is *mandatory*. How much time you spend studying outside of class depends, of course, on a number of individual factors such as your linguistic aptitude, self-discipline, your attitude towards studying, toward learning a foreign language and toward German, etc. All things being equal, to earn a grade of A, you should spend *at least* one to two hours outside of class studying for every hour in class. Consider forming small informal study groups with other 1410 students. Students have reported that going over the exercises with other students had proved especially helpful.

### Required texts:

*Treffpunkt Deutsch*. Terrell, Tschirner, Nikolai. McGraw Hill.  
Quia online workbook. (Attached are instructions for registration)

### Testing and Evaluation:

1. 4 exams = 50% (12.5% each)
2. Quia workbook and any other written homework assignments = 20%
3. Quizzes = 10%
4. 1 Oral exam = 10%
5. Lab = 10%

### Course Policies:

**Grades in general :** I do not *give* grades – you *earn* them.

**Homework:** No late homework will be accepted. Please turn it in on time. This includes Quia assignments – if you miss the due-by deadline, you’re out of luck. Lack of preparation/planning on your part does not constitute an emergency on my part.

**Attendance:** This course meets three days per week for 50 minutes each day and your lab sections will meet for 50 minutes once per week. I take attendance at the beginning of class as will your lab instructor. You may miss a total of 2 class meetings (including lab) without incurring any penalty. Beginning with the third absence, your average in the course will drop by 0.5 point per absence. You are responsible for keeping track of your absences yourself – I am not your mother.

**Lateness:** Students arriving in class after roll has been called will be marked as late and will earn a penalty of half an unexcused absence. Students who arrive late interrupt their fellow classmates’ learning; habitually late students will be referred to the Dean of Students office for disruptive behavior. Perpetual lateness will also negatively affect your class participation grade.

**A few reminders on courtesy:**

- Please do not talk to other students if a student is asking a question or I am answering that question, or if I am speaking to the entire class.
- Put your cell phone into SILENT or VIBRATE mode while in the classroom. *If you put your phone into vibrate mode, please silence it as quickly as possible, as most normal people find it obnoxious.* If your cell phone goes off during class (“goes off” = making any noise other than a vibrating alert), you will be referred to the Dean of Students Office for disruptive behavior and your class participation grade will be negatively affected. *Moreover, if your cell phone goes off during a test or quiz, you will lose a letter grade on that test.*
- No texting during class.
- No use of laptops (unless *specifically authorized for an assignment or activity*), iPods, or other electronic devices during class time.

**Testing Policy:** Tests must be taken **in ink**. The test will start and end for all students at the same time. If you show up late for a test, you have lost time – and I will not repeat instructions or oral questions that you have missed, unless you have a physician’s note (or other official document.) You have to finish the test at the same time as the other students.

If you fail to show up for an exam at the appointed time without having obtained permission from your instructor in advance of the test, you will receive no credit for the test. If you have a good reason why you cannot take the test, you will have to explain it to your instructor and seek his permission to take it at the earliest possible time.

Emergencies that can be substantiated to the satisfaction of your instructor are exceptions. Otherwise, no retests will be allowed.

**Academic Honesty:** Texas State University has an Academic Honor Code. Full details can be found at <http://www.mrp.txstate.edu/studenthandbook/rules.html#academic> – students are expected to be familiar with it. Ignorance of the definition of plagiarism and/or academic dishonesty is not a valid excuse.

### **COURSE SCHEDULE (\*\*subject to change)**

Week 1 (August 26, 28): Introduction to course, Begin *Erste Kontakte*

Week 2 (Aug 31, Sept 2, 4): *Erste Kontakte*; Kapitel 1

Week 3 (Sept 9, 11): Kapitel 1 (No class on Monday – Labor Day Holiday)

Week 4 (Sept 14, 16, 18): Kapitel 1

Week 5 (Sept 21, 23, 25) Test 1, Kapitel 2

Week 6 (Sept 28, 30, Oct 2): Kapitel 2

Week 7 (Oct 5, 7, 9): Kapitel 2

Week 8 (Oct 12, 14, 16): Kapitel 2; Test 2

Week 9 (Oct 19, 21, 23): Kapitel 3

Week 10 (Oct 26, 28, 30): Kapitel 3

Week 11 (Nov 2, 4, 6): Kapitel 3

Week 12 (Nov 9, 11, 13): Test 3; Kapitel 4

Week 13 (Nov 16, 18, 20): Kapitel 4

Week 14 (Nov 23): Kapitel 12, THANKSGIVING (classes do not meet 11/25-11/27)

Week 15 (Nov 30, Dec 2, 4): Kapitel 4; Oral Exams begin this week outside of class

Week 16 (Dec 7): Last day of class; Oral Exams continue

**Final Exam time: TBA (see Texas State Official Final Exam Schedule).** Test 4 is *not* a comprehensive final exam; however, it will be given at the official final exam time as per Texas State regulations. 60 minutes will be allotted for the exam itself, after which any

remaining Oral Exams will be administered. *If you show up late, you have lost time. Set two alarm clocks if necessary.*

Your instructor, Michael Conner, invites you to enroll in the following Quia course.

**Course:** German 1410  
**Code:** KTKA368  
**Book(s):** Treffpunkt Deutsch, 5th Edition, Student Activities Manual

### Creating a Quia Account

If you do not have an account, you need to create one. To do so, follow these steps:

1. Go to <http://books.quia.com> and click **Students**, then click **Create a new account**.
2. Select a username and password and enter your information, then click **Submit**.

**Note:** Remember to write down your username and password and be sure to select the correct time zone. Also, please enter a valid e-mail address so we can send you your password if you forget it.

### Entering the Book Key and Course Code

Enter the book key and course code to complete the enrollment process. You may need to purchase a book key, you may already have a book key that you purchased separately, or you may already have activated the book for a previous course. Depending on your situation, use one of the procedures below. The course code is listed at the top of this page.

Once you have completed this step, the system lists the course and book on the Student Workstation home page. To enter additional books, enter a book key in the **Enter book key** field and click **Go**.

**Note:** Book keys can only be used once. Your book key will become invalid after you use it.

### I need to purchase a book key

1. Go to <http://books.quia.com> and log in.
2. Click **Bookstore** at the top of the Student Workstation window.
3. Enter search criteria for the book and click **Search**.
4. Locate the book in the search results and click **Buy**.
5. Enter the course code, KTKA368, and click **Next**.
6. Proceed through the purchase process.

### I already have a book key

1. Go to <http://books.quia.com> and log in.
2. Enter the book key in the **Enter book key** field at the top of the Student Workstation window and click **Go**.
3. Click **Confirm** to confirm your registration information.  
The system displays the Student Workstation and lists the book under the **My books** heading.
4. Beside the book listing, enter the course code, KTKA368, in the **Enter course code** field and click **Go**.
5. If necessary, select a class (section) and click **Submit**.

### Using Quia

To access your Student Workstation in the future, go to <http://books.quia.com> and log in. Here, you can open your book, submit activities, view your results, and view your instructor's feedback. If you have any questions, contact Quia Support at <http://books.quia.com/support.html>