

German 2310 Fall 2009

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Course Description:

German 2310 is a communicative course in German. The primary goal of instruction in 2310 is to help you continue to develop your ability to communicate in German (both in spoken and written language.)

Our class will meet M/W for 75 minutes. You will also have the opportunity to meet with tutors in language lab outside of class time. 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 hour outside of class studying for every hour in class. Consider forming small informal study groups with other 2310 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. (You will receive instructions for registration)
Medium-size English-German dictionary

Testing and Evaluation:

1. 4 exams = 60% (15% each)
2. Homework & Quizzes = 20% (Quia workbook & other homework)
3. 1 Oral exam = 10%
4. Class participation/attendance = 10% (active and full participation in class)

GER 2310 Course Policies:

Grades: I do not *give* grades – you *earn* them!

Class Participation: You will not get an automatic 10% just for being in class! This is a language class and you are expected to be active and prepared on a daily basis. Here are general criteria for participation grades:

1. **9-10%--Outstanding Contributor:** Contributions in class reflect exceptional preparation. This student is always prepared and participates every day; he/she volunteers to answer questions and to complete any other language tasks.
2. **8-9%--Good Contributor:** Contributions in class reflect thorough preparation. This student is prepared most of the time and participates in activities every day; volunteers less often, but when called upon usually shows knowledge of subject matter.
3. **7-8%--Adequate Contributor:** Contributions in class reflect satisfactory preparation. This student is not always prepared, but participates in activities.
4. **6%--Non-Participant:** This person says little or nothing in class. Hence, there is not an adequate basis for evaluation.
5. **5% and below--Unsatisfactory Contributor:** Contributions in class reflect inadequate preparation.

Homework: No late homework (I do not give partial credit)! Please turn it in on time.

Attendance: This course meets two days a week. I expect punctuality and take attendance at the beginning of class. You may miss a total of two (2) class meetings without incurring any penalty. Beginning with the third absence, your class participation grade will drop by half a letter grade (5 points.) *You are responsible for keeping track of your absences yourself.*

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.

Testing Policy:

The test will start and end for all students at the same time. If you are late, I will not repeat instructions or oral questions that you have missed (this takes time away from the other students) nor will you be given additional time to finish.

No retests. If you fail to show up for an exam at the appointed time without having obtained permission from your instructor in advance, you will receive no credit for the test. If there are extenuating circumstances that can be substantiated (such as injury or

severe family emergencies) which preclude you from taking the test at the scheduled time, you must first clear it with your instructor and schedule a retest date.

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.

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.
- Please turn your cell phone OFF while in the classroom. For repeated disturbances, you will be referred to the Dean of Students Office for disruptive behavior and 2% of your class participation grade will be deducted.
- ABSOLUTELY NO TEXTING during class. Above consequences apply.
- NO LAPTOPS (unless *specifically authorized* for an assignment or activity), iPODS, or other electronic devices during class time.

COURSE SCHEDULE (subject to change)

Week 1 (Aug 26)	Intro to course
Week 2 (Aug 31, Sept 2)	Kapitel 9
Week 3 (Sept 9)	Kapitel 9
Week 4 (Sept 14, 16)	Kapitel 9
Week 5 (Sept 21, 23)	Kapitel 9, Test 1
Week 6 (Sept 28, 30)	Kapitel 10
Week 7 (Oct 5, 7)	Kapitel 10
Week 8 (Oct 12, 14)	Kapitel 10
Week 9 (Oct 19, 21)	Test 2 , Kapitel 11
Week 10 (Oct 26, 28)	Kapitel 11
Week 11 (Nov 2, 4)	Kapitel 11
Week 12 (Nov 9, 11)	Kapitel 11, Test 3
Week 13 (Nov 16, 18)	Kapitel 12
Week 14 (Nov 23, 25)	Kapitel 12
Week 15 (Nov 30, Dec 2)	Kapitel 12; Oral Exams begin this week outside of class
Week 16 (Dec 7)	Review for Test 4 (Last day of class)

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.***