



Lakehead University – Year 2017-2018

Course code: German 1000 YA

Days: Mon/Wed.

Times: 4:30 p.m - 6:00 p.m.

Room: AT 2006

Labs (2 hours per week):

Mon/Wed. 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Elementary German

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Description of the course:

This introduction to German language and culture is designed for students with no previous knowledge of German. The course is “proficiency oriented, i.e., students will learn first of all how to listen to and speak German, but reading and writing will not be neglected.

Objectives of the course:

We will work through 8 chapters in detail. Deutsch Aktuell is a program where students interact with German language and culture through engaging activities, and group or class projects. Students advance their language skills through real-life communication, cultural interactions and integrated technology.

Homework will consist of a variety of written exercises and of regular reviews of vocabulary and sentence structures, as well as opportunities for project-based learning and assessment. Since we seek to develop communicative competence, regular attendance, homework and review habits are extremely important.

Methodology:

Class work (3hrs/wk) will consist of interactive, authentic content to create real-life experiences to enhance learning of pronunciation, relevant 21st-century vocabulary, sentence structures and of practicing conversational patterns used in everyday situations. We will also analyze a variety of mostly short texts that will help students become functional on the German scene, with extensive components to provide practice and enrichment opportunities, as well as differentiated learning resources to ensure success for all students.

Lab work (2hrs/wk) offers you more intensive personal practice in listening comprehension and speaking. The lab monitor is there to help students with any problem. There will be lots of chances to work in small groups using communicative activities.

Books used:

Compulsory: Deutsch Aktuell 1, 7th Edition, EMC Publishing: Wolfgang S. Kraft
student textbook

Marks distribution:

tests

30 %

assignments/participation	25 %
lab	15 %
mid-year exam	15 %
final exam	15 %

Please feel free to talk to me about any aspect of the course and bring all questions and problems immediately and directly to my attention.

Code of conduct for students in class

- It is essential to attend classes and labs.
- Check your Desire2Learn/MyCourseLink page on a regular basis to obtain posted information, documents and exercises, and to study regularly and complete the workbook exercises that correspond to the lessons given in class. If you have difficulties accessing your online course, please contact helpdesk@lakeheadu.ca.
- Make sure to do all your homework before class.
- If you do not attend class, you will receive 0 for your participation on that day. In the event that you are sick for a test or an exam, a medical note is required to have this test or exam rescheduled.
- **No extra work will be allowed to bump up a mark. Homework which is not submitted on time will not be corrected.**
- **Academic dishonesty**
Please, note that academic dishonesty (such as plagiarism, cheating and impersonation) is considered a serious academic offense.
For more information, please go to:
<http://policies.lakeheadu.ca/policy.php?pid=60>
<http://www.lakeheadu.ca/current-students/rights-and-responsibilities>
- Email is used for the sole purpose of scheduling an appointment with your Instructor. Please indicate “Request for an appointment (course #)” in the subject line.
- Cell phone use in class is prohibited.
- The use of laptops in class is solely for pedagogical purposes.
- Disrespectful comments during classroom exchanges between students or between students and the professor, as well as comments of a sexist, racist or homophobic nature or against all handicaps will not be tolerated.

Calendar (subject to change) First semester

Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017 Introduction	Monday, Sept. 11, 2017 Chapter 1
Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017 Chapter 1	Monday, Sept. 18, 2017 Chapter 1
Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2017 Chapter 1 Video comprehension K I	Monday, Sept.25, 2013 Chapter 1 Kapitel I Test : written/aural
Wednesday, September 27, 2017 Chapter 2	Monday, October 2, 2017 Chapter 2
Wednesday, October 4, 2017 Chapter 2	Fall study break Oct. 9 – Oct. 13
Monday, October 16, 2017 Chapter 2 Video comprehension test K II	Wednesday, October 18, 2017 Chapter 2 Kapitel II Test : written/reading
Monday, October 23, 2017	Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Chapter 3	Chapter 3
Monday, Oct. 30, 2017 Chapter 3 Mini oral comprehension check	Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017 Chapter 3 Reading comprehension test
Monday, November 6, 2017 Chapter 3	Wednesday, November 8, 2017 Chapter 3 Kapitel III Test :written/aural/reading
Monday, November 13, 2017 Chapter 4	Wednesday, November 15, 2017 Chapter 4
Monday, November 20, 2017 Chapter 4	Wednesday, November 22, 2017 Chapter 4 Reading comprehension test
Monday, November 27, 2017 Chapter 4 Video comprehension test K IV	Wednesday, Nov. 29 2017 Chapter 4 and beginning of 5
Monday, Dec. 4. 2017 Review for Exam	