

## German 201: Intermediate German I Fall Semester 2006

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*Willkommen in Deutsch 201! Ich hoffe, dass Sie alle einen schönen Sommer gehabt haben, und ich wünsche Ihnen ein gutes Semester!*

Our goal in German 201 will be to use the language skills you have already acquired to learn about German history and culture; to enhance your skills in the areas of speaking, listening comprehension, writing, and reading; and to introduce additional grammar structures and vocabulary.

We will work with a textbook and exercise book (*Anders gedacht*), but there will be additional readings, especially on German history from 1871, the year when a unified German nation state emerged from the numerous German states, to the present. We will also work with a German tv series titled *Heimat* (home or homeland). You will watch segments of the series on a weekly basis. Average length of the segments is 30 minutes, but you should schedule some more time for viewing, since there are questions for you to answer. The series is available on DVD at the Media Reserve in Barrett Library. In addition, you will work in a group on a video project.

You will also write five short essays of 200 words each. After receiving your first submitted version of the essay back from the instructor, you need to submit a rewrite. Each essays final grade will be comprised in equal parts of the grade for the first version submitted and the grade of the final version.

*Viel Spaß!*

**A schedule** is available in the instructor's public folder at  
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### **Participation:**

I encourage you to participate actively and regularly in our class sessions to acquire those language skills that can develop only through interaction. Our language in class will be German. Occasionally, the instructor will allow some time for questions to be asked in English. If a student uses English persistently, the instructor will ask her or him to leave, and will count the class as an unexcused absence.

**Attendance:** Regular attendance is essential to success in the course. Therefore, more than four unexcused absences will negatively affect your grade: your fifth and each successive absence will lower your final grade by 3%. More than 12 absences will result in a grade of F for the course, regardless of any other grades earned.

**Honor Code:**

As a matter of course, all regulations and guidelines of the Rhodes Honor Code apply to this class. Please be advised that the use of online translation programs is prohibited and would constitute an instance of academic dishonesty.

**Required for purchase:**

a) Textbook: Motyl-Mudretzkyi/Späinghaus, *Anders Gedacht: Text and Context in the German-Speaking World*

b) Exercise and grammar book: Späing, *Übungsbuch Anders Gedacht*

The textbook and exercise book are available at the Rhodes bookstore and are packaged and priced as one purchase item.

**Other reading materials and questions on Heimat** with information on viewing segments will be made available in the instructor's public folder at \\Fileserver1\acad\_dept\_pgm\Mod\_Lang\Maurer\_Karl\_Heinz\Public\German 201

**Audio-visual materials**, especially the tv series *Heimat*, will be available for viewing at the Media Center in the basement of Barrett Library.

**Grading:** Your grade will be based on *active* participation and preparation (10%), homework checked in class or collected (10%), answers to questions on the tv series *Heimat* (15%), four tests (20%), five short essays with rewrites (15%), an oral mid-term (5%), a group video project (10%), and a final exam with a written and an oral portion (15%).

## Schedule (subject to change)

### August 22 - 24

W Introduction  
Th *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 1: „Das Reisen“

### August 27 – 30

M *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 1  
T *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 1  
W *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 1  
Th *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 1

### September 3-6

M *Labor Day (no class)*  
T *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 1  
W *Vereinigung 1*: “Die Geburt des Zweiten Reiches”  
Th *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 2: „Das Fernweh zur Zeit Goethes“ &  
Hand in answers to *Heimat* questions

### September 10-13

M *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 2 – **Due: Essay 1**  
T *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 2  
W *Vereinigung 2*: “Das Leben im Zweiten Reich”  
Th *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 2 & Hand in answers to *Heimat* questions

### September 17-20

M **Test I**  
T *Vereinigung 3*: “Der Ausbruch des Ersten Weltkrieges”  
W *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 3: „Die Grünen und ihre Politik”  
Th *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 3 & Hand in answers to *Heimat* questions

### September 24 – 27

M *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 3  
T *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 3  
W *Vereinigung 4*: “Der Erste Weltkrieg”  
Th *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 4: „Planet Germany“ & Hand in answers  
to *Heimat* questions

### October 1 – 4

M *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 4 -- **Due: Essay II**  
T *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 4  
W *Vereinigung 5*: “Die Nachkriegsjahre”  
Th *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 4 & Hand in answers to *Heimat* questions

### October 8-11

M **Test II**

T *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 8: „Kunst und Künstler“  
W *Vereinigung* 6: “Die Weimarer Republik”  
Th *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 8 & Hand in answers to *Heimat* questions

### October 15-18

M *Fall Recess (no class)*  
W *Fall Recess (no class)*  
T *Vereinigung* 7: “Hitlers Machtübernahme”  
Th *Vereinigung* 8: “Das Dritte Reich“

### October 22-25

M *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 5: „Die Comedian Harmonists“ & Hand in answers to *Heimat* questions -- **Due: Essay III**  
T *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 5  
W *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 5  
Th *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 5 & Hand in answers to *Heimat* questions

### October 29 – November 1

M **Test III**  
T *Vereinigung* 9: “Der Zweite Weltkrieg, 1939-1941”  
W *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 6: „Stationen der Geschichte“  
Th *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 6 & Hand in answers to *Heimat* questions

### November 5-8

M *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 6  
T *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 6  
W *Vereinigung* 10: “Der Zweite Weltkrieg, 1941-1945”  
Th *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 6: & Hand in answers to *Heimat* questions

### November 12-15

M *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 7: „Umgang mit der Vergangenheit“  
-- **Due: Essay IV**  
T *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 7  
W *Vereinigung* 11: “Ein neuer Beginn“  
Th *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 7 & Hand in answers to *Heimat* questions

### November 19-22

M **Test IV**  
T *Vereinigung* 12: “Vierzig Jahre BRD“  
W *Thanksgiving Recess (no class)*  
Th *Thanksgiving (no class)*

### November 26-29

M *Vereinigung* 13: “Vierzig Jahre DDR” -- **Due: Essay V**  
T *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 9: „Vereinigtes Deutschland“  
W *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 9

Th *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 9 & Hand in answers to  
*Heimat* questions

**December 3 – 5**

M *Vereinigung* 14: “Die Wiedervereinigung Deutschlands”

T *Anders gedacht*, Kapitel 9

W final class session

**Final exam: Friday, 7 December 2007, 1pm**