

Elementary German 101 Fall Term 2006

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Willkommen in Deutsch 101!

The Course:

German 101 is an introduction into the German language and the culture of the German-speaking countries. No previous knowledge of German is required. We will develop skills in listening comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing. At the end of German 101, you will have control over the material presented in Introduction (*Einführung*) A and B of our text book *Kontakte*, and in chapters one through five. In addition to *Kontakte*, we will also work with an online workbook on a regular basis. Toward the end of the semester, you will know enough German to read a mystery story, *Ein Mann zuviel*.

The Online Workbook or *Arbeitsbuch*:

For each chapter in *Kontakte*, there is a corresponding chapter in our **online workbook or *Arbeitsbuch***. The assigned exercises in the online *Arbeitsbuch* are due on the dates given in the attached schedule. In order to complete the exercises, you need to have access to a computer with an internet connection and speakers. Once you log on to the online *Arbeitsbuch*, you will be able to see which of the exercises of the workbook chapter are assigned for the due date.

Each *Arbeitsbuch* chapter falls into several sections that correspond to the chapter sections in the *Kontakte* textbook. I recommend that you start each *Arbeitsbuch* section right after we have finished the corresponding section in *Kontakte*. This way, the material is still fresh in your memory, and you don't have to complete the entire workbook assignment at once. You will also have time to contact me if you have questions about an exercise.

To access the online workbook, you need to purchase an access code at the bookstore or online. **Please follow the log-on information attached to this syllabus.**

Other Homework Assignments:

Apart from these *Arbeitsbuch* chapters, there will also be other **homework assignments**, mostly from *Kontakte*.

The *Projekte*:

In the course of the term, you will also complete **three special assignments or *Projekte***. The first *Projekt* is a personal collage which conveys an idea of your background, your interests, likes and dislikes. Your second *Projekt* will be a taped dialogue of circa 4 minutes in length. For this project, you will need to work with a partner. Your instructor will give you a number of topics to choose from for this dialogue. For your third *Projekt*, you will write a poem in German (yes, a poem!).

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Required for Purchase:

1) Terrell, Tschirner, Nikolai, Genzmer: *Kontakte. A Communicative Approach*. Fifth Edition (McGraw-Hill, 2003)

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2) *Quia Online Kontakte Arbeitsbuch*. (You can buy an access code at the Rhodes bookstore. The codes come in a cardboard package, which you can find near the textbook. You can also follow the log-on information given on a separate sheet attached to this syllabus, and then purchase an access code online using a credit card.)

3) *Ein Mann zuviel* (available at the bookstore in early September)

Grading:

Participation and preparation (i.e., homework): 25%
 Online workbook portions: 15%
 Three *Projekte*: 15% (5% each)
 Five Quizzes: 25% (5% each)
 Final exam: 20% (15% written; 5% oral)

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Attendance policy: You may miss three class sessions unexcused without lowering your grade. Each additional unexcused absence will lower your final grade by 3%. Eight unexcused absences constitute failure of the course, regardless of grades earned in this course.

Schedule

(subject to change)

[R = Thursday]

Week & Day:	Chapters in Kontakte and Quizzes:	Online Arbeitsbuch & Projekte Due:
Week 1: August 23-25		
W:	Introduction	
R:	Einführung A, <i>Kontakte</i> (Introduction A)	
Week 2: August 28 – September 1		
M & T:	Einführung A	
W & R:	Einführung B	R, 8/31: Online Workbook
Week 3: September 4-8		
M:	Labor Day (no class)	
T - R:	Einführung B	R, 9/7: Online Workbook
Week 4: September 11-15		
M:	Quiz I	
T-R:	Kapitel 1	R, 9/14: Online Workbook
Week 5: September 18-22		
M - R:	Kapitel 1	R, 9/21: Online Workbook
Week 6: September 25-29		
M:	Quiz II	
T-R:	Kapitel 2	R, 9/28: Online Workbook
Week 7: October 2-6		
M - R:	Kapitel 2	R, 10/5: Online Workbook

Week 8: October 9-13M:
T - R:**Quiz III**
Kapitel 3**W, 10/11: Projekt 1**
R, 10/12: Online Workbook**Week 9: October 16-20**M - T:
W - R:Fall Recess (no class)
Kapitel 3**R, 10/19: Online Workbook****Week 10: October 23-27**

M - R:

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R, 10/26: Online Workbook**Week 11: October 30 – November 3**M:
T - R:**Quiz IV**
Kapitel 4**W, 11/1: Projekt 2**
R, 11/2: Online Workbook**Week 12: November 6–10**M - W:
R:Kapitel 4
Quiz V**T, 11/7: Online Workbook****Week 13: November 13-17**

M - R:

Kapitel 5
& *Ein Mann zuviel***R, 11/16: Online Workbook****Week 14: November 20-24**

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W - R:

Thanksgiving Break**Week 15: November 27 – December 1**M - W:
R:Kapitel 5
Oral Exam (part of final exam)**R, 11/26: Online Workbook****Week 16: December 4-6**M & T:
W:Kapitel 5
wrap up**T, 12/5: Online Workbook**