GERM 102-3  INTRODUCTORY GERMAN I  SPRING 2021

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COURSE DESCRIPTION – Remote Instruction
German 102 is a beginner’s language course. Through a rich array of authentic material with accompanying activities you will learn how to introduce yourself, give personal information, talk about your hobbies, interests and entertainment, describe your daily routine and speak about your home, family and friends. Additionally, you will be introduced to German food, transportation and celebrations. Each of the four modules we will be covering will provide you with opportunities to communicate in German in real-life situations for real purposes.

TARGET AUDIENCE
GERM 102 is a beginner’s course for students with no previous knowledge of German. Students with German preparation from European or other high schools, native speakers and students from German-speaking homes as well as students who have taken any German classes may not take the course for credit and should consult the instructor regarding proper placement. The Department reserves the right to withdraw or transfer a student to a higher level course should the language proficiency of the student prove greater than initially supposed.

REQUIRED TEXT (also available in digital format here: shop.hueber.de)


GERM 102 may be applied towards the Certificate in German Studies
PARTICIPATION and ATTENDANCE
This class is going to be taught *synchronously* via Zoom. You must enable both your *audio* and *video* for this class as learning German requires you to fully participate. Regular class attendance and active participation are of vital importance in language acquisition and will be recorded and therefore be reflected in your final grade. Your mark will also be based on the quality of participation. Absences will reduce your participation grade and excessive absences will result in not receiving any credit for the participation segment. Except for emergencies, excused absences must be cleared with your instructor ahead of time. It is your responsibility to catch up on any missed materials.

HOMEWORK / ASSIGNED WRITTEN PREPARATION
You will have homework each day the class meets. It is your responsibility to prepare assigned reading and written exercises, to memorize vocabulary, to study the grammar in a timely manner. *Late* homework will NOT be accepted.

ORAL TESTS
There will be *two* oral tests. The first test will be in German sometime during the semester. The second test will be at the end of the semester and will be a comprehensive test of about 10-15 minutes. This test will be in German.

VIDEO PROJECT
Towards the end of the semester your instructor will assign you a topic for a video presentation. The video presentation will be done in German. You will be graded on your ability to speak freely in German, on your use of certain grammar structures, your comprehensibility, and your choice of vocabulary. The video will be about 1.5-2 minutes long.

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MISSED EXAM POLICY
If you must miss an exam (i.e. module test) because of illness or extenuating circumstances, you are required to contact the instructor prior to the exam. You may notify the instructor by e-mail or leave a message at the office. When you return to class, you will need to bring a note from your medical doctor specifying and justifying the date of your absence. Extenuating circumstances are defined as unusual circumstances beyond your control. There will be no make-up exams. Instead, the percentage will be added onto the other remaining exams. If you do not inform the instructor prior to the test and do not provide a doctor’s note, or if you miss an exam due to something other than illness or extenuating circumstances, the missed exam equals 0%.

HELPFUL HINTS
Practice German frequently through homework, reading, the Internet, participation in class, or study groups with friends. Seek assistance the moment you sense you are falling behind in the course. Discuss work with fellow classmates. Finally, don’t hesitate to ask questions and don’t be afraid of making mistakes.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
Academic integrity is essential to the pursuit of learning in a university. As a student at SFU you commit to: “not engage in or tolerate acts of falsification, misrepresentation, or deception” (eg. Google translate, unauthorized sharing of information, use of mobile phones or other devices, notes, books, websites..., providing answers to other students…) during any type of exam (SFU Policy U32:23). SFU treats cases of cheating very seriously. All suspected cases of academic dishonesty will be investigated.

USEFUL LINKS:
SFU German website: http://www.sfu.ca/~cmhein/
Menschen website: https://www.hueber.de/menschen
Quizlet: https://quizlet.com/class/2759871/
Quia: quia.com/web

Every student begins the term with an “A”. It is up to each of you individually to KEEP this grade ☺