GERM 202-3 INTERMEDIATE GERMAN II SPRING 2021

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COURSE DESCRIPTION – Remote Instruction + 1 hr. asynchronous

German 202 continues to develop basic communication skills in German. The course will prepare you for a stay or visit to Germany, Austria or Switzerland. Topics will include but are not limited to: transportation/mobility, hotel stays, German education system, TV/media, and entertainment. Throughout the course you will engage in basic social conversations, read letters, blogs, magazine articles, and non-fictional text, as well as write creatively. Each of the four modules covered will provide opportunities to communicate in German in real-life situations for real purposes. After completion of the course you should have attained the A2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

TARGET AUDIENCE

GERM 202 is intended for students who have completed the prerequisite GERM 201, or who have an equivalent proficiency (A2.1 level), however acquired. Students who have not taken GERM 201 but have an equivalent proficiency in the language (A1 or A2.1 level) are required to contact the chair for a placement test.

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


GERM 202 may be applied towards the Certificate in German Studies
Grading (subject to changes)

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PARTICIPATION and ATTENDANCE
This class is going to be taught **synchronously** via **Zoom** with **one additional hour** dedicated asynchronously to **assignments**. 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 TEST
Towards the end of the semester you will arrange a test time with your instructor. This comprehensive oral test will be conducted in German and will last for about 10 minutes.

VIDEO / ESSAY
Before the end of the semester your instructor will assign you a topic for a video presentation and an essay. The video presentation (2-3 min.) 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 essay will also be written in German (350 words) and will be graded on grammar, style and content.

REFLECTIVE PORTFOLIO
After each of the three modules, you will submit a document that describes in English what you have learned in the different chapters. You will use photos and videos to illustrate your progress focusing on vocabulary, grammar and cultural elements. This portfolio is a reflection on your learning progress and will be graded for completion.
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/16056005/
Quia: quia.com/web

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