

GERMAN I / ERSTES JAHR DEUTSCH

Syllabus / Lehrplan

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Course Description / Kursbeschreibung

You will absorb the German language much like you learned English as a child. We listen to lots of language that. With enough input, we begin to produce it ourselves. We will provide *input* that is *comprehensible* through context, body language, movement, pictures, drawing, and translation. We will use stories, songs, rhymes, and chants that get language inside your brain in a relaxed and fun way. Sooner or later you will find yourself beginning to communicate in German.

Materials Needed / Nötige Schreibwaren

- 7-pocket expanding file folder OR 3-ring binder with 7 sections. (You can reuse in German II, III, and AP.)
- Lined paper.
- Pens and pencils; at least one black or blue.

Expectations / Klassenordnung

- Listen with the intent to understand.
- Sit up straight with intent to be engaged.
- One person speaks; all others listen and look at speaker.
- Do your 50%. Support the flow of language by providing interesting ideas.
- Nothing on desks/laps unless told otherwise.
- All energy focused on improving German.
- RESPECT—YOURSELF, CLASSMATES, TEACHER, PROPERTY.
- ONLY POSITIVE COMMENTS—FAKE IT TILL YOU BECOME IT.

Grading Policy / Benotungssystem

In a job, you get paid for presence and productivity. In German class, your grade is your pay for your presence and productivity. Most of your quarterly grades (65%) are based on your interpersonal communication in class, which is summarized above in the “expectations.” 35% is based on quizzes, tests and other assignments. The final grade is your final exam grade (15%) plus the average of your two quarters (85%).

Absence Make-Up Work

There is no way to duplicate outside of class the language acquisition that occurs in class, so there are no make-ups for daily quizzes and writing. You simply need to be here. After five absences, your interpersonal communication grade will drop for each day missed. At teacher discretion, you may be able to make up the points by translating any reading material from Google Classroom from that date into English, or by reading two chapters from one of our novels and writing a summary in English.

Homework and Fluency / Hausaufgaben und Flüssigkeit

There will be very few “homework” assignments. However, true fluency is acquired only through constant practice at hearing, speaking, reading, and writing the language. Therefore, daily practice outside of class exposing yourself to the language is important in speeding you toward that goal. Listen to German music; watch German TV, cartoons, movie trailers, and video clips; surf the German web in your topics of interest; connect with German-speaking teens around the world through social media.