

U424-102: Second Semester German

Course Format: Online

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Course credits: 4

Pre/Corequisites: Completion of U424-101 First Semester German with a C or better or the equivalent; Appropriate for advanced high school and first-year or higher college students.

Course Description:

Learn the basic survival skills necessary for communicating effectively in any German-speaking country. Develop abilities to read simple German texts, hear and understand spoken German, and communicate in everyday living situations through the use of a variety of audio and visual materials.

Required Course Materials

- iLrn™ Instant Access for *Deutsch heute*, 10th ed., by J. Moeller et al.
ISBN: 9781111945459. Order online from Cengage Learning.

Note: Information about purchasing and accessing the course materials within the eBook is found in the course.

Hardware Requirements

You will need a webcam, speakers, and a microphone. You will complete your oral exams through <https://appear.in/sarah.korpi>, which will use all three components.

Optional Course Resources

- *English Grammar for Students of German*, by Cecile Zorach and Charlotte Melin. The Olivia and Hill Press. Any Edition. ISBN will vary.
- iLrn that accompanies your textbook contains many activities that have not been assigned and are not required. However, you can still complete these activities for your own practice and study. Many of the activities are auto-graded, so you will receive immediate feedback on your work and have the opportunity to check your comprehension of topics. Information about accessing this optional course resource is found in the course.

Course Learning Objectives

- Recall vocabulary and idiomatic expressions in written and spoken contexts.
- Recall details about a variety of cultural topics related to the German-speaking world.
- Use pronouns, nouns, articles, and adjectives with appropriate endings based on grammatical case (nominative, accusative, dative, and genitive).
- Use the correct conjugations of regular and irregular verbs in a variety of tenses and for commands.
- Use various compounds and constructions correctly (e.g., da- or wo- compounds and the um...zu construction).



- Construct properly formed sentences using 2-way prepositions, indirect questions, relative pronouns and clauses, conjunctions, modal verbs, other parts of speech, and general German word order considerations.
- Demonstrate improved oral skills in a series of recordings of your own speech and a conversation with your instructor that relate to pronunciation and common conversational topics.
- Develop self-reflection skills to set and achieve goals related to speaking ability in German.
- Demonstrate knowledge of new and previously learned grammatical concepts and vocabulary to complete reading, writing, listening, and speaking activities.

Course Overview

UNIT #	UNIT TOPIC	EVALUATED ACTIVITIES
1	Household Tasks, Furniture, and Appliances	Written Assignment
Pre-Oral Exam		
2	Transportation and German Culture	Written Assignment
Kapitel 7 Quiz		
3	Employment, Travel, City Life, and German Family Life	Written Assignment
4	Work, Family, Time, and Possessive Adjectives	Written Assignment
Kapitel 8 Quiz		
Oral Exam 1 (appear.in)		
5	Health, Swiss Culture, and Reflexive Pronouns	Written Assignment
6	Finances, Personal Hygiene, and Swiss Politics and Geography	Written Assignment
Kapitel 9 Quiz		
Midcourse Exam: 2 parts		
7	Music Concerts, Cultural Activities, and Comparisons	Written Assignment
8	Politics, the Pluperfect, and Compound Nouns	Written Assignment
Kapitel 10 Quiz		
Oral Exam 2 (appear.in)		
9	Interviews, Speeches, Work Conditions, and Career Aspirations	Written Assignment
10	The World of Work, Present Subjunctive, and the Conditional	Written Assignment
Kapitel 11 Quiz		
11	Cultural Exchanges and Relative Pronouns	Written Assignment
12	Immigrants, Diverse Cultures, Relative Clauses, and the Passive Voice	Written Assignment
Kapitel 12 Quiz		
Oral Exam 3 (appear.in)		
Final Exam: 2 parts		

Evaluation Methods

Your final grade will be based on your performance on the following:

- 1) Written Assignments (40%)
- 2) Kapitel Quizzes (30%)
- 3) Oral Exams (10%)
- 4) Midcourse Exam (8%)
- 5) Final Exam (12%)

Written Assignments (40%)

Reading comprehension questions are assigned for each of the 13 units of this course and will cumulatively account for 40% of your final course grade.

Kapitel Quizzes (30%)

The Kapitel Quizzes are taken at the end of each Kapitel (chapter) in the textbook. There are 7 Kapitel quizzes in the course, which will cumulatively account for 30% of your final course grade.

Oral Exams (10%)

In addition to the required but ungraded pre-oral activity, the three oral exams in the course provide you with opportunities to test your speaking skills with a willing conversational partner: your Course Facilitator! Together, they are worth 10% of your final course grade.

Midcourse Exam (8%)

The midcourse exam contains two parts – 1) reading comprehension and 2) written essay – that relates to your study of the first half of the course.

Final Exam (12%)

The final exam contains two parts – 1) reading comprehension and 2) written essay- that focuses on content from the second half of the course and necessarily includes concepts from the first half of the course.

Exam Method: Online without Proctoring

This course requires all students to complete exams online. Students receive one attempt on each exam.

Grading Scale

The following grading scale is used to evaluate all course requirements and determine your final grade:

A = 93–100	B = 83–87.9	C = 70–77.9	D = 60–69.9
AB = 88–92.9	BC = 78–82.9		F = Below 60

Pass/Fail Option

Students who enroll in an Independent Learning (IL) course under the pass/fail option will receive a final grade of S in place of a final grade equivalent to an A, AB, B, BC, or C and a final grade of U in place of a final grade equivalent to a D or F.