Syllabus Deutsch 1020 - Frühling 2017

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**Time:** 3 pm - 3:50 pm

**Days:** MTRF

**Where:** Engineering Laboratory, Room 250

**Date Range:** Jan. 9, 2017 - May 5, 2017

**Required Text:** Sag Mal; 2nd edition; Christine Anton, Tobias Barske, Megan McKinstry

**Office hours:** Wednesdays 8:30 am - 10:30 am (subject to change) Old Main 341

**Academic Calendar:**

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Course description and objectives

GERM 1020 will provide students with the continued opportunity to improve their German speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills while learning about German-speaking culture. The class is based on the communicative approach. This means that class time is devoted to communicative activities (from the book or otherwise designed by the instructor) that develop and practice language skills, especially speaking skills.

In GERM 1020, we will cover chapters 7 to 12 of the textbook Sag Mal. The book allows students to practice what they have learned in class. Supplementary material such as videos, current topical excerpts from newspapers, poems, music, etc. will support the learning process.

Grading:

- attendance: 10%
- participation: 10%
- homework (due Fridays at midnight): 10%
- quizzes (given online): 10%
- written assignments: 10%
- chapter tests: 30%
- midterm/final exam: 20%

Grading Scale:

A (100-93)
A- (92-90)
B+ (88-89)
B (87-83)
B- (82-80)
C+ (79-78)
C (77-73)
C- (72-70)
D+ (69-68)
D (67-60)
F (a grade below 60)

Assessment:
Kapitel 7:
   Online quiz: 17.1.17
   Aufsatz: 24.1.17
Kapitel 8:
   Online quiz: 31.1.17
   Chapter test: 9.2.17
Kapitel 9:
   Online quiz: 16.2.17
   Aufsatz: 24.2.17
Midterm: 27.2.17 - 31.2.17 by appointment (outside of regular class time)
Kapitel 10:
   Online quiz: 3.3.17
   Chapter test: 20.3.17
Kapitel 11:
   Online quiz: 27.3.17
   Aufsatz: 3.4.17
Kapitel 12:
   Online quiz: 10.4.17
   Chapter test: 18.4.17
Final exam: oral exam: 19.4.17 - 21.4.17 by appointment (outside of regular class time)
   Listening part: in class: 21.4.17
   Written part: 2.5.17; 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

What does my typical class look like?

- We will start most days with a 5-10 minute warm up. During that time, you will mostly work with a partner (sometimes with a group) and practice previously learned vocabulary and grammar in a conversation. An example warm up is: “You and your partner are planning an active weekend. Use vocabulary (spare time activities) and modal verbs (would like, can, should, want, must,...).” Sometimes, the warm up will be an introduction to new vocabulary. It usually means acting out the words.
• The main part of class is used to introduce new grammar, prepare for a listening or reading activity, complete said activity, and practice grammar and vocabulary. Most of the practice will be partner or group work. Some activities will be completed on paper and on the board, so that everyone can compare their work.

• I usually end the class with a 2-5 minute cool down, which is very similar to the warm up. It wraps up recently learned material in some kind of partner or group conversation. We may also play a game or sing a song (all to reinforce previously learned material).

• You will see a breakdown of each chapter at the end of the syllabus.

What I expect from you:

• Please be on time and present in the classroom.

• Try your best to only speak German once you enter the classroom.

• Don’t be afraid to participate in active games, songs, silly dances, etc. … It makes learning a language and memorizing vocabulary and grammar more fun. And since everybody will be doing the same thing, there is no need to be embarrassed.

• Since we cover A LOT of material per chapter, it is important to review and study every night.

• You will get a homework packet that is due each Friday at midnight. Please use the book’s online tools to submit your work. It may be helpful to work on your homework package throughout the week, since it will help with reviewing the material. The homework will be posted on the supersite calendar well in advance.

• Please complete all homework on time. You can always turn in your work early if you have a time conflict.

• Please let me know of any time conflicts for tests, written assignment due dates, and classes well ahead of time, so that we can reschedule for you.

• Check canvas and the supersite daily. I may post events, reminders and helpful links.

• midterm: You will have an oral exam (dialog with a classmate). You will know the possible topics in advance, so that you can prepare.

• final exam: It will be a written exam that will include material from the whole semester. So, keep all your notes. It also includes a listening exam, which will be given in class prior to the written exam. You will also have an oral exam in the same fashion as the midterm.
• Absolutely NO discriminatory remarks about or behavior directed towards a person’s race, creed, religion, national origin, age, sex, or disability will be tolerated in the classroom.

What you can expect from me:

• I am here to help you learn German and have a successful experience in German 1020. So, if you are stressed, need extra help or suggestions to succeed in this class, please see me during office hours or by appointment.

• I may make a mistake when grading your work. If you find the mistake and believe you should get more points, don’t be afraid to talk to me. Also, if I miss one of your mistakes and find them later, I will NOT deduct any points. After all, it was my fault to miss it.

A look into each chapter:

Kapitel 7

• Jahreszeiten, Reisen
• Verben mit separablen Praefixen im Praeteritum, Infinitivformen, Praepositionen, indefinite Pronomen

Kapitel 8

• Auto und Rad fahren, Technik und Medien
• Plusquamperfekt, Komparativ, Superlativ, Genitiv, Demonstrativpronomen

Kapitel 9

• Im Badezimmer, beim Arzt
• Reflexive Verben, Verben mit Praepositionen, Konjunktiv 2

Kapitel 10

• Besorgungen, in der Stadt
• Adjektive als Nomen, Nebensätze, Futur I

Kapitel 11

• Im Buero, Berufe
• Relativpronomen, Adjektivendungen, Futur II

Kapitel 12

• Natur, Umwelt
• Konjunktiv in der Vergangenheit, Partixip Praesens, Passiv

**Plagiarism:**

Plagiarism includes knowingly “representing, by paraphrase or direct quotation, the published or unpublished work of another person as one’s own in any academic exercise or activity without full and clear acknowledgment. It also includes the unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials.” The penalties for plagiarism are severe. They include warning or reprimand, grade adjustment, probation, suspension, expulsion, withholding of transcripts, denial or revocation of degrees, and referral to psychological counseling.

**Academic Integrity/Honor Code Policy:**

As stated in The Student Code, “Each student has the right and duty to pursue his or her academic experience free of dishonesty. The Honor System is designed to re-enforce the higher level of conduct expected and required of all Utah State University students.” Complete academic honesty is expected in this course. Cheating on exams or plagiarism on written assignments will result in a failing grade and may result in further action according to university policy.

**Viel Erfolg und vor allem Spaß beim Deutschlernen!**
**LITERAL TRANSLATIONS OF NORMAL GERMAN WORDS**

**"GO WHEEL"**

**"STINK ANIMAL"**

**"HIT THING"**

**"AIR WEAPON"**

**"INTO-THE-GROUNDENING"**

**ANTIBABYPILLE**

(That's not a translation... that's the actual German word)