

Elementary German II

Syllabus Spring 2011

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Course description: In Elementary German II you will continue to learn the basics of German. On the one hand the course is focused on every-day communication skills you need when traveling through a German-speaking country. On the other hand we will start to talk – although in a simplified way- about general topics. The course will use a communicative methodology – you will have many opportunities to speak German and not only memorize vocabulary. Our textbook will be “*Deutsch heute*”. At the end of the semester you should know the grammar and the language capabilities, which are the learning goals of this book (especially chapters 7-12). We will also watch one German movie.

Grading policy

Class participation/attendance:	20%
Vocabulary quizzes (2):	20%
Mid-term:	20%
Final:	40%

Schedule of classes

Week 1 –

24 January - Overview of course; Review: The present tense

26 January - Review: Nominative, dative, accusative; The family

Week 2

31 January - Chap.6: Review: The present perfect tense; Clothing

2 February - Chap.7: Two-way prepositions; Houses and apartments

Week 3

7 February - Chap.7: The words *hin + her*; Traveling by train

9 February - Chap.7: Time expressions; Housework and chores

Week 4

14 February - Chap.7: *Da*-compounds, *wo*-compounds; Indirect questions

16 February - Chap.8: Ordinal numbers; Vocabulary quiz I (Chap. 6+7)

Week 5

21 February - Chap.8: The genitive case; Genitive prepositions

23 February - Chap.8: Adjective endings; Stating wants and desires

Week 6

28 February - Chap.9: Reflexive verbs, reflexive pronouns; Body and health

2 March - Chap.9: Infinitives with *zu*; Switzerland

Week 7

7 March - Chap.9: Comparative and superlative; Political life

9 March - Midterm test (Chap.6-9)

Week 8

14 March - Chap.10: Uses of *als*, *wenn*, and *wann*; Music and theatre

16 March - Chap.10: The simple past tense; German political parties

Week 9 - SPRING BREAK - NO CLASSES

Week 10

28 March - Chap.10: Strong verbs in the simple past; German history since 1945

30 March - Chap.10: The past perfect tense; Dates

Week 11

4 April - Chap.11: The future tense; The European Union; Professions

6 April - Chap.11: The *würde*-construction; Vocabulary quiz II (Chap.8-10)

Week 12

11 April - Chap.11: Present-time subjunctive; Using the phone

13 April - Chap.11: Conditional sentences; The past subjunctive; Apprenticeship

Week 13

18 April - Chap.12: Relative clauses; Foreigners in Germany

20 April - Chap.12: The passive voice; The multicultural society

Week 14

25 April - Holiday

27 April - Chap.12: *man* as a substitute for the passive voice; Renting a car

Week 15

2 May - Movie

4 May - Review

Week 16 - 9 May: Final exam

