

Intermediate German II

Syllabus Spring 2011

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Course description: Intermediate German II is intended to develop your communication and writing skills beyond the basic level. The course consists of four parts: grammar, reading, discussion, writing. Grammar of the Elementary and Intermediate I level is reviewed and practiced as appropriate. You will read a series of short texts and will have many opportunities to present your viewpoints to certain topics. The writing part includes four composition assignments based on class activities. Our textbook will be "Sprachkurs Deutsch 5". At the end of the class you should know the grammar and the language capabilities, which are topics of this book. We will also watch two German movies.

Grading policy

Class participation/attendance:	20%
Composition assignments (4):	20%
Mid-term:	20%
Final:	40%

Schedule of classes

Week 1

24 January - Overview of course

26 January - The Conditional Subjunctive (Review); Cultural differences

Week 2

28 January - Chap.1: The Passive Voice; Culture and wine (in theory)

2 February - Chap.1: Passive Voice with Modals; Culture and values

Week 3

7 February - Chap.2: Verbs of speaking; War and peace

9 February - Chap.2: Declensions (Summary); Expressing opinion

Week 4

14 February - Chap.3: The Past Perfect Tense; Punctuation; Friendship

16 February - Chap.3: The Relative Clause; The Past Perfect Tense

Week 5

21 February - Chap.4: Articles and Omission of Articles; Society and traffic

23 February - Chap.4: Superlative (Review); Driving licence and age

Week 6

28 February - Chap.4: Negation; Negotiations; Explaining arguments

2 March - Chap.5: Prepositions as Verbal Complements; Theater and acting

Week 7

7 March - Chap.5: Adjectives with Prepositional Complements; Television

9 March - Midterm test (Chap.1-5)

Week 8

14 March - Chap.6: Da-Compounds, Wo-Compounds; Reality and virtuality

16 March - Chap.6: Letter-Writing (Informal letters); Three German authors

Week 9 - SPRING BREAK - NO CLASSES

Week 10

28 March - Chap.6: Letter-Writing (Formal letters); German writers in Prague

30 March - Chap.7: Verbs with Direct Object Complements; German educational system

Week 11

4 April - Chap.7: Verbs with Direct Object Complements; Unemployment

6 April - Movie

Week 12

11 April - Chap.7: Writing a job-application; Profession and jobs

13 April - Chap.8: Expressing probability; Understanding and misunderstanding

Week 13

18 April - Chap.9: Writing poems; Literature and society

20 April - Chap.9: Extended Participial Modifiers; Ways of living

Week 14

25 April - Holiday

27 April - Chap.10: Adjective Nouns; Life and perception

Week 15

2 May - Chap.10: The Special Subjunctive

4 May - Review

Week 16 - 9 May: Final exam

