

# Intermediate German I

## Syllabus Spring 2011

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**Course description:** Intermediate German I is intended to develop your communication, writing, and argumentation skills in the German language. The course consists of four parts: reading, discussion, grammar, vocabulary. You will read and discuss short texts of various genres and you will receive several short composition assignments. According to the demands of the students we will review grammar topics of the elementary German level. We will use assorted articles, passages, grammar presentations, and practice activities from various books, textbooks, and magazines. There will be two tests on the grammar and the language capabilities, which are topics of this course. We will also watch one or 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 Present Perfect Tense (Review); The human body

### Week 2

31 January - The Passive Voice; *als/wenn/wann*; Hobbies

2 February - The Passive with Modal Verbs; Ecology; Idioms with *machen*

### Week 3

7 February - Acc./Dat./Gen.- Prepositions (Review); Giving directions; Sports

9 February - Two-Way Prepositions; Talking about food

### Week 4

14 February - Reflexive Verbs, Reflexive Pronouns; The European Union

16 February - Infinitives with/without “zu”; The German way of life

### Week 5

21 February - *Der*-Words/ *Ein*-Words; Being a student in Germany

23 February - The verbs *scheinen/brauchen*; Smokers and non-smokers

*Week 6*

28 February - Prepositions as Verbal Compliments; The Turkish minority in Germany

2 March - *Da*-Compounds/*Wo*-Compounds; Professions

*Week 7*

7 March - The preposition *bei*; Characteristics; Wanting x to do y

9 March - Midterm test

*Week 8*

14 March - The Conditional Subjunctive (Present Tense); Writing a CV

16 March - The Conditional Subjunctive (Past Tense); German politics since 1949

*Week 9* - SPRING BREAK - NO CLASSES

*Week 10*

28 March - Adjectives with Prepositional Compliments; Berlin and Berlins

30 March - Relative Pronouns; Franz Kafka and Prague

*Week 11*

4 April - The Past Perfect Tense; The verb *lassen*; Clichés, stereotypes

6 April - Weak Noun Declensions; The verb *schaffen*; Talking about the weather

*Week 12*

11 April - Coordinating Conjunctions; Two-Part Conjunctions; Happiness

13 April - Subordinating Conjunctions; *ob* vs. *wenn*; Living in a city

*Week 13*

18 April - Noun Genders; Adverbs of time; The internet

20 April - The Special Subjunctive; Adjectives of time; Metric units

*Week 14*

25 April - Holiday

27 April - Flavoring Particles ; Ecology and pollution

*Week 15*

2 May - Movie

4 May - Review

*Week 16* - 9 May: Final exam

