

German 506

First Semester German---Spring 2010

AI / TA name
Class time & location
Office hours location & time
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Welcome to German 506! German 506 is a first semester course for students with a) no prior knowledge of German, or b) no more than one year of high school German, or c) authorization from the German Department based on your UT German Placement Test performance. See your instructor if you are in this course for any other reason.

In this course you will begin to learn how to read, listen, write and speak German. You will learn to ask and answer questions; name and describe persons, things, places, and events; deal with a variety of situations; narrate orally and in writing; write letters and postcards; fill out forms; and comprehend a variety of texts. You will also expand your knowledge of the cultures of the German-speaking countries. We hope you will be willing to contribute to the class discussions what you already know.

German 506 meets for five hours Mondays - Thursdays. In addition, you should, on average, plan to spend at least 1-2 hours each day studying German: completing written homework, reviewing, reading, and building your vocabulary.

Required texts:

Deutsch im Blick (2008). Kurspaket (combined textbook & workbook)
Available for purchase at IT Copy (512 MLK Boulevard; 476-6662).

The video clips can be found at: <http://tltc.la.utexas.edu/dib> (If you find any links that don't work, please report them to Dr. Abrams at zsabrams@mail.utexas.edu).

Grimm Grammar is the grammar portion of the online program. The topics you need to learn are included in each chapter of your *Kurspaket*, and can be reached through the *GG* homepage at: <http://tltc.la.utexas.edu/gg>

Grading

All German 506 students are evaluated according to the same criteria:

- A. 3 chapter exams = 45%** Each exam covers the material of roughly two chapters. However, keep in mind that language is cumulative, so each exam inherently covers all previously learned material!
- B. 2 Oral examinations = 10%** Each oral exam is worth 5% of your grade. The first one will be administered during the first half of the semester, the second one during the second half of the semester. The best preparation for these exams is regular and active participation in class. The more you participate in class, the more fluently you will speak.
- C. Brief Quizzes = 20%** These quizzes are given in class and can be announced or unannounced.
- D. Class participation and homework = 25%** This grade includes participation and attendance (5%), hand-in homework, attendance at the German Film Series (at least twice / semester), assignments from the *Kurspaket*, the *WebQuests*, from *Grimm Grammar*, etc. (20%).

There is no final exam during the final exam period in GER 506 due to the cumulative nature of all of the tests you take. If you show up late for a test, you will still have to finish the test at the same time as the other students. If you do not show up for an exam without having obtained permission from your instructor in advance of the test, you will not receive any credit for the test. Emergencies that can be substantiated to the satisfaction of your instructor will be treated as exceptions. **There are no Incompletes given in German 506.** A C or better is required for a passing grade (i.e., a C- is not a passing grade).

The letter grades will be broken down according to the following scale:

A	93 - 100 %	C	73 - 76.9 %
A-	90 - 92.9 %	C-	70 - 72.9 %
B+	87 - 89.9 %	D+	67 - 69.9 %
B	83 - 86.9 %	D	63 - 66.9 %
B-	80 - 82.9 %	D-	60 - 62.9 %
C+	77 - 79.9 %	F	0 - 59.9 %

Attendance

Class participation, quizzes and homework are designed to help you practice and build new skills in German steadily and regularly. As such, daily preparation, attendance and active participation in class are essential. The quality of your participation is measured in several ways: through homework, quizzes and class participation, for example. If you are absent, not only will you miss important information but will also earn zeros on any assignments you miss since there is **no make-up for homework, quizzes and class participation grades.***

If you have to miss class, please let your instructor know as soon as possible. You must arrange with a peer to pick up handouts from class and find out what was covered in the day's lesson.

In order to ensure a high quality learning environment for each level of German, **you are allowed to miss only 4 class periods without repercussions. 5-6 absences will result in a lower course grade by 10% (i.e., if you have 82%, and miss 5 or 6 class sessions, your final grade will be 72%). If you miss more than 6 times without acceptable documentation for a well-justified absence (e.g., extensive illness or family emergency), you will earn an F in this course and will not be allowed to continue to the next level of instruction.** In order to receive exemptions for extensive absences, you must bring documentation from a doctor's office on official stationery stating the date and time of your appointment explicitly, as well as the duration of your illness. **No documentation, no exemptions.**

In case of serious illness, hospitalization, death in the family, severe mental health problems, among other concerns, your instructor and the supervisor of the lower-division language program (Dr. Zsuzsanna Abrams, zsabrams@mail.utexas.edu, 232-6374, BUR 358 or or Dr. Per Urlaub, BUR 330) will evaluate your situation on an individual basis.

* make-up work will be allowed in exceptional situations, such as during medically documented illness, observance of religious holidays, military service, family emergencies. Please notify your instructor in writing as soon as possible to arrange for the make-up.

Special needs

The University of Texas at Austin provides upon request appropriate academic accommodations for students with disabilities. To determine whether you qualify, please contact the Dean of Students at 471-6259; 471-4641 TTY. If they certify your needs, the Department of Germanic Studies will work with you to make appropriate arrangements. We have worked with the Dean of Students Office extensively, and have successfully accommodated students with various special needs. Please do not hesitate to talk to your instructor to get the necessary assistance. In order to make such arrangements, you must file your paperwork by the third week of the semester.

Do you want or need help with your German?

If you need help you can seek assistance from your instructor during his or her office hours, or you can go to the German Tutorial Study Hall, staffed by graduate students, for **free** tutorial assistance. It's located on the 3rd floor of Burdine Hall (BUR 386) and is open every day for almost all hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (see schedule of hours on door). The instructors can help you with written or oral work, vocabulary, reading, homework or any other questions you might have.

Placement exams

If you are new to UT and have taken German before, you should take the placement exam offered by the Measurement and Evaluation Center to ensure that you are attending the appropriate course for you (see schedule at <http://www.utexas.edu/academic/mec/cbe/clepopen.html>).

Opportunities to speak German

Ask your instructor for a schedule of times when the following groups meet for informal discussions **IN GERMAN!!!**

- 1) Deutschübende Gesellschaft (Wed evenings, 6:30 at Dog and Duck Pub; 406 W 17th Street)
- 2) Mahlzeit (meets Wed 12-2 on outside patio by Student Union, by Wendy's – if it rains, it's inside)
- 3) German Film Series (in BUR 337 – see departmental website for titles and semester schedule)
- 4) Form your own group of GER 506 speakers!

Policy on scholastic integrity

Students who do not comply with University rules on scholastic integrity are subject to disciplinary penalties, including the possibility of failure in the course and/or dismissal from the University. Since dishonesty harms the individual, all students and the integrity of the University, policies on scholastic dishonesty will be strictly enforced. For further information, visit the Student Judicial Services web site at www.utexas.edu/depts/dos/sjs. This site offers excellent resources on how to cite sources and paraphrase. The Undergraduate Library also has workshops and brochures that can help you develop skills on writing research papers. Copying materials from other people and sources or using on-line translators, for example, constitutes fraudulent submission. You must turn in your own work for all assignments in this course.

Your next course:

When you complete GER 506 with a grade of C or higher, you are eligible to take GER 507.

Upper division German, majoring / minoring, special programs

If you would like information about majoring or minoring in German, see Professor Kit Belgum, Undergraduate Adviser for German (BUR 324; 232-6375; belgum@mail.utexas.edu).

If you have any questions about study abroad opportunities - summer study in Taos, NM or Würzburg, Germany - please contact Professor Peter Hess (BUR 356; 232-6362; phess@mail.utexas.edu).

SUMMER STUDY ABROAD IN WÜRZBURG

Learn German and get to know Germany in the medieval city of Würzburg!

- Complete the full 2nd year German program or take an advanced conversation & composition course (GER 330C or 331L)
- Earn 3-6 credits of 3rd year German
- Day trips to Bamberg, Nürnberg and Rothenburg
- 5-Day trip to Berlin
- Easy access to all European countries and cities
- Small classes with German students at the University of Würzburg
- Program cost: \$2200 (scholarships are available for \$500-\$1500)
- Accommodations in local dormitories
- Applications due at *Center for Global Educational Opportunities*
- Visit Würzburg online at: <http://www.wuerzburg.de>
- Visit the University of Würzburg at: <http://uni-wuerzburg.de>
- Detailed information about the Würzburg summer study abroad program at: <http://www.utexas.edu/depts/german/exchange/wurz.html>



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German 506 Syllabus – Spring 2010

Mo 28. Jan	Martin Luther King Holiday		
Di 19. Jan	<i>Kapitel 1</i>	15.-20. März	Spring Break
Mi. 20 Jan			
Do 21 Jan.			
Mo 25. Jan		Mo 22. Mär	
Di 26. Jan		Di 23. Mär	
Mi 27. Jan	lab	Mi 24. Mär	
Do 29. Jan	<i>Kapitel 2</i>	Do 25. Mär	
Mo 1. Feb		Mo 29. Mär	
Di 2. Feb		Di 30. Mär	
Mi 3. Feb		Mi 31. Mär	Examen 2 (Kap. 3 & 4)
Do 4. Feb		Do 1. Apr	<i>Kapitel 5</i>
Mo 8. Feb		Mo 5. Apr	
Di 9. Feb		Di 6. Apr	
Mi 10. Feb	lab	Mi 7. Apr	
Do 11. Feb		Do 8. Apr	Film - Im Juli
Mo 15 Feb.	Examen 1 (Kap. 1 & 2)	Mo 12. Apr	Film – Im Juli
Di 16. Feb	<i>Kapitel 3</i>	Di 13. Apr	Film – Im Juli
Mi 17. Feb.		Mi 14. Apr	Film – Im Juli
Do 18. Feb		Do 15. Apr	Film – Im Juli
Mo 22.Feb		Mo 19. Apr	
Di 23 Feb		Di 20. Apr	
Mi 24. Feb		Mi 21. Apr	lab --- Oral exam 2 (this week)
Do 25. Feb		Do 22. Apr	
Mo 1. Mär	Oral exam 1 (this week)	Mo 26. Apr	
Di 2. Mär		Di 27. Apr	
Mi 3. Mär	lab	Mi 28. Apr	
Do 4. Mär		Do 29. Apr	
Mo 8. Mär	<i>Kapitel 4</i>	Mo 3. Mai	
Di 9. Mär		Di 4. Mai	<i>Review</i>
Mi 10. Mär		Mi 5. Mai	<i>Review</i>
Do 11. Mär		Do 6. Mai	Examen 3 (Kap. 5, Film & Review)

Lab days are:	Location: MEZES 2.120
Wednesdays	Jan 27, Feb 10, Mar 3, and Apr 21