

German 141 Elementary German I

4 Credit Hours: 3 Class Hours, 1 Lab Hours Weekly
Evans: 315

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MWF 12:00-12:50

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Required Textbooks:

Lovik, Guy, Chavez, *Vorsprung*, Second Edition.

Lovik, Guy, Chavez, *Vorsprung: Student Activity Manual*, Second Edition.

Course Description

This course is for students with no previous knowledge of German. In German 141, students acquire the essential German that will allow them to function in the language in a variety of social and cultural contexts. Students learn sentence formation, verb conjugation, modal and separable verbs, and the nominative and accusative cases. You will acquire about 700 words that will enable you to describe yourself and others, in terms of personal interests and academic and free-time activities. We will be covering chapters 1-4.

Style

There will be a variety of activities to improve the students' communicative skills: group exercises, conversation, in addition to audio and video exercises. At the end of chapter, students hand in homework from the Student Activities Manual. The day we have a test for a chapter is also the day on which students have to turn in their homework. **There will be a test after we finish each chapter.**

GENERAL GOALS (Optimal results)

1. increased **AWARENESS** of and **APPRECIATION** for the German language and its cultures
2. more than minimal **VOCABULARY** in German, especially of cognates (and false cognates) and the ability make educated guesses about unknown words based on context as well as to identify unknown cognates
3. ability to **CONJUGATE** regular, stem-changing, and many irregular verbs in present
4. ability to carry on more than minimal **LIFE-SUPPORT CONVERSATIONS** related to visiting/living in a Ger-speaking country, e.g., arrange and execute transportation, accommodations, meals, etc.
5. ability to carry on more than minimal **SOCIAL CONVERSATIONS**, adapting to unexpected questions or responses

COURSE OBJECTIVES (Optimal activities)

1. To **LISTEN** to and comprehend a more than survival percentage of standard German spoken at average native speed by concentrating on major words known (with the help of cognates) and by making educated guesses at the rest
2. To **SPEAK** without notes (or read aloud) a more than survival percentage of standard German with few enough pronunciation errors (speed secondary) to be comprehended by a native speaker
3. To **READ** and comprehend a more than survival percentage of standard German by concentrating on major words known (with the help of cognates) and by making educated guesses at the rest. With the further help of a dictionary, to be able to comprehend a high percentage of standard German
4. To **WRITE** at a more than survival level in standard German with few enough grammar errors to be comprehended by a native speaker

Attendance Policy

Presence is mandatory. **Three hours** of absence (whether justified or not) are permitted. After 3 hours of absence, each subsequent hour will deduct **One Point** from the semester final grade. Please note that this policy reflects SHSU's current attendance policy as stated in the Student Handbook. Each two absences from the lab are the equivalent of one classroom absence.

Grading Policy

Chapter tests (4)	50%
Homework	20%
Participation	20%
Cultural Presentation	10%
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The points you make will be divided by 2 to obtain a scale based on 100 points

- A: 90-100
- B: 80-89
- C: 70-79
- D: 60-69
- F: 59 and below

Wed	Jan	16	Introduction and Kapitel 1: 1-3
Fri	Jan	18	Kapitel 1: 4-7
Mon	Jan	21	Martin Luther King – No classes
Wed	Jan	23	Kapitel 1: 8-10
Fri	Jan	25	Kapitel 1: 11-14
Mon	Jan	28	Kapitel 1: 15-17
Wed	Jan	30	Kapitel 1: 18-21
Fri	Feb	1	Kapitel 1: 22-25
Mon	Feb	04	Kapitel 1: 26-29
Wed	Feb	06	Kapitel 1: 30-33
Fri	Feb	08	Kapitel 1, 34-35 & Review
Mon	Feb	11	Chapter Test: Kapitel 1
Wed	Feb	13	Kapitel 2: 38-40
Fri	Feb	15	Kapitel 2: 41-44
Mon	Feb	18	Kapitel 2: 45-47
Wed	Feb	20	Kapitel 2: 48-51
Fri	Feb	22	Kapitel 2: 52-54
Mon	Feb	25	Kapitel 2: 55-58
Wed	Feb	27	Kapitel 2: 59-61
Fri	Feb	29	Kapitel 2: 62-65
Mon	Mar	03	Kapitel 2: 66-68
Wed	Mar	05	Kapitel 2: 69-71
Fri	Mar	07	Chapter Test: Kapitel 2
March 10-14	Spring Break		No classes
Mon	Mar	17	Kapitel 3: 74-77
Wed	Mar	19	Kapitel 3: 78-81
Fri	Mar	21	Good Friday. No Class
Mon	Mar	24	Kapitel 3: 82-87
Wed	Mar	26	Kapitel 3: 88-91
Fri	Mar	28	Kapitel 3: 92-95
Mon	Mar	31	Kapitel 3: 96-98
Wed	Apr	02	Kapitel 3: 99-102
Fri	Apr	04	Kapitel 3: 103-105
Mon	Apr	07	Kapitel 3: 106-108

Wed	Apr	09	Kapitel 3: 109-110 & Review
Fri	Apr	11	Chapter Test: Kapitel 3
Mon	Apr	14	Kapitel 4: 115-120
Wed	Apr	16	Kapitel 4: 121-123
Fri	Apr	18	Kapitel 4: 124-127
Mon	Apr	21	Kapitel 4: 128-130
Wed	Apr	23	Kapitel 4: 131-134
Fri	Apr	25	Kapitel 4: 135-137
Mon	Apr	28	Kapitel 4: 138-141
Wed	Apr	30	Kapitel 4: 142-144
Fri	May	02	Kapitel 4: 145-148
Mon	May	05	Kapitel 4: 149-151
Wed	May	07	Kapitel 4: 152-154
Fri	May	09	No Class: Final Exam Study Day