

# German 4, 5, 6 Syllabus

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### **Required Texts: Be sure to get your texts before coming to Europe !**

*Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik*, 5<sup>th</sup> edition. By Rankin and Wells. ISBN-10:  
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**4 chapters in Stationen: Ein Kursbuch für die Mittelstufe.** Prisca Augustyn, Nikolaus Euba. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 2012. ISBN: 0495902853, ISBN13: 9780495902850. (Vienna, Munich, Berlin and to be decided ☺) **Note:** you may want to just have pdf's of the chapters.

**Recommended:** (1) A good German/English dictionary. (2) Greg Ness. *Germany. Unraveling an Enigma*. Intercultural Press. 2000. Please try to read this before you come. (You needn't bring it with you nor read every chapter.)

### **Goals/Objectives**

Welcome to German 4, 5& 6! In this course you will learn about German language and culture. Our approach is *communicative*, which means we will stress everyday German conversation and comprehension. But reading and writing German are also very important components in this course.

For these courses, we will try to cover 6 chapters in the *Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik*. In the *Stationen* book, we'll cover the chapters on **Vienna, Munich, Berlin** and one other city to be determined. So, you needn't bring the entire *Stationen* book. (You can bring pdf files of the four chapters.) I encourage students to buy the **Rankin and Wells grammar**, however. It is the best at the intermediate level and worth having for the rest of your life. (The grammar of German will change very little in your lifetime.) By the end of this term, you will have command of an array of grammatical structures, vocabulary, and idioms that will enable you to communicate in German at the intermediate college level.

Since I'm covering several levels of instruction at the same time in the same class, you will spend some class time working on your own, perhaps even some time on your homework. Other times you will work in groups or with others at different levels. I want to speak solely in German to you (also outside of class!). The occasional English is okay but let's try to completely construct our relationship in German. You will see that Prof. Tokofsky and I speak almost entirely in German with each other (and certainly with the natives). Since our rooms are near each other, we'll see each other at breakfast (and lunch in Berlin), when touring together, etc., you'll have **plenty of time** to speak German with us outside of class. *You may want to pick a roommate who will speak only (or mostly) German with you.* Those moments, together with your own time spent with natives, will count much more than any lab or video time you might have in such a course in the US.

### **Office hours/extra hours for tutoring**

On the Sundays before tests 1 and 2, and on Thursday before the final, I will make myself available to you for 1-2 hours. Also, I will set aside at least 1 hour a week in the afternoon for tutoring or just chatting in German. Watch the FB page for when I am free. Otherwise, let me know if you'd like to meet for extra tutoring or a bit of conversation.

### **Responsibilities**

Attendance is of utmost importance! Tardiness will also affect your grade.

I will assign homework at the beginning of each class. Please look for it when you first get to class and copy it down.

Please take notes! Though you will only be responsible for what you find in your textbooks, I will give you lots more vocabulary and idioms on the board and outside the classroom. Impress me with the extra material you can pick up! (Again, see class participation grade, below.)

No make-up exams/late written assignments. Emergencies will be dealt with on an individual basis.

You will take two tests, in weeks **two** and **three** (on **Mondays**) and write two essays, due on **Mondays** in weeks **two** and **three**. Your final will be on the last day of class.

**Finally**, try working through the first chapter in both texts—at least read through them and start learning vocabulary--*before you leave for Europe!* This way, we can hit the ground running. ☺

**Grades** (straight scale, i.e. 80%-82% = B-, 83%-86% = B, 87-89% = B+, 90-92% = A-, etc.)

Attendance &

Class participation	10%	essays	20%
Homework	10%	Final	35%
Tests	25%		

*Willkommen in Deutsch 4, 5, & 6!*