German 1 Syllabus
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Required Texts: text *and* workbook--- **BE SURE TO GET YOUR TEXTS BEFORE COMING TO EUROPE!**

Vorsprung: A Communicative Introduction to German Language and Culture, **3rd Edition**. By Lovic, Guy and Chavez. ISBN-13: 978-1-133-60735-9.   *AND*
Students Activity Manual ISBN-10: 1-133-93854-X, ISBN-13: 978-1-133-93854-5.

Recommended: (1) A good German/English dictionary. A good one online is: http://dict.leo.org/?lang=en. (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 1! In this course you will be introduced to 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.

We will cover chapters 1-4. By the end of this term you will have command of an array of grammatical structures, vocabulary, and idioms that will enable you to speak/understand, read/write at the beginning college level. You will be fully prepared to go on to German 2 at UCLA (or anywhere). In many ways, you will be *better prepared* since you will be studying in the countries where German is the native language.
A TA will be with German 1 alone and I will be in another room with all other levels, and moving from group to group as is fitting but always happy to meet with the German 1 students!

Office hours/extra hours for tutoring
On the Sundays before tests 1 and 2 (on Mondays of week 2 and 3), and on Thursday before the final (on Friday of last week) I and the TA will make ourselves available to you for 1-2 hours. Also, we 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 we're available! Otherwise, we will see each other several times every day. So, let us know if you'd like to meet for extra tutoring or a bit of conversation. We'll be speaking German to you on the tours, at breakfast and lunch, etc., too. It is up to you to practice your German as much as possible. For more practice, share a room with a students taking language and challenge her/him to speak only German!

Responsibilities
Attendance is of utmost importance! Tardiness will also affect your grade. Homework will be assigned at the beginning of each class. Please take notes! Though you will only be responsible for what you find in your textbook (and homework assignments out of the workbook), we will give you lots more vocabulary and idioms. Impress us with the extra material you can pick up! This extends to **learning German *on the street*,** since we'll be roaming/touring the cities. Try reading as many signs as you can, picking up vocabulary from the open markets and shops, at the restaurants, etc. and tell us what you learned the day before. It can also be something cultural. We'll ask. (Again, see class participation grade, below.) Professor Tokofsky, the TA, and I speak almost entirely in German with each other and will speak with you in German at any time. Take advantage of this opportunity! Address us in German as often as you can.
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 your final will be on the last day of class.

Finally, try working through the first chapter—at least read through it and start learning vocabulary (and listen to the CD!)--*before* **you leave for Europe!** This way, we can hit the ground running. ☺

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

Attendance **&**			
Class participation	10%		
Homework	10%	Final	45%
Tests	35%		

Willkommen in Deutsch 1!