Textbook
Course ID for online registration at mygermanlab.com: CRSKLQV-6050269

Resources

Learning Objectives
Learning German is much more than acquiring a new set of skills. The knowledge you’ll gain helps provide you with a broader and richer worldview, giving you an opportunity to step inside a new perspective and new culture. It improves your employment potential, increases your skills in your native language, and improves your learning in other areas, among others.

In this course we will read and listen to various short texts covering geography and culture in German-speaking countries, as well as review important grammar concepts. Most important, we will expand and deepen reading, listening, speaking and writing skills through using the German language in a wide variety of situations. Our learning objectives will be to demonstrate the ability to write, read, speak and understand the German language at an intermediate skill level.

Grading
You’ll be assessed with a test after each chapter of „Mittendrin,” including proficiency in vocabulary and structures, reading, writing, listening and speaking. The work in each chapter also includes quizzes (scheduled and unannounced), short writing assignments, online grammar and reading/listening comprehension exercises, in-class activities and speaking tasks. The final includes all chapters plus an oral interview, worth 25 percent of the final exam grade.

Grade percentages are:
35% chapter tests + quizzes
20% essays
15% online homework
20% finals: written and oral
5% mid-semester oral
5% participation

Grade scale:
A  100-93%   C  77-74%
A-  92-90%   C-  73-70%
B+  89-88%   D+  69-68%
B  87-84%    D  67-64%
B-  83-80%   D-  63-60%
C+  79-78%   F  59% - below

Expectations
Attendance
Attending class is an essential part of learning, and especially to learning a language when we meet only two times a week. You’re expected to be on time and stay for the duration of class. Coming to class is the most effective way for you to be successful.

If you expect to miss a class, notify me in advance via email. Excused absences include religious holidays, university-sanctioned events, illness or emergency. You’re responsible to provide documentation of the absence the class after you return. If you do not provide documentation, you will not receive credit for homework, tests, etc. on the day of your absence.

If you have more than two unexcused absences, your final grade will be lowered by one-half grade (A to A-, or B+ to B). Two additional absences lower your grade another one-half grade, and so on.

Preparation
Be prepared for each class. Do the homework, be ready to discuss it, and keep up. Spend 15-20 minutes every day reviewing new words and concepts, and devote additional time to homework. This is the most
effective way to learn a language. Bring all of your materials to class every day: download documents from WebCampus or from the online version of the textbook as instructed.

Keep a binder with copies of handouts, extra materials, tests, quizzes and homework – they are your study guides for the final.

If you are struggling with the material, see me right away. Do not wait until you’ve done poorly on a quiz or test, or (worst case scenario) until the end of the semester. Being well prepared leads directly to the next point, which is …

**Participation**
The class is small and the course is highly interactive, which requires engaged participation from all members of the class every day. For every class meeting, be ready to speak, listen, respond to questions, and ask questions. Please note: attendance ≠ participation. Put away electronic devices during class; research shows in-class texting is linked to an average drop of half a letter grade in a course. Write your notes by hand, not on the computer; research has proven you learn more effectively writing notes on paper.

**Learning Outcomes (ACTFL)**
Students will demonstrate the ability to write, speak, listen and read at the ACTFL proficiency level of Intermediate Mid to High. The course is based on the National Standards of Communications, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons and Communities (http://actflproficiencyguidelines.org, and actfl.org/publications/guidelines-and-manuals/actfl-performance-descriptors-language-learners).

**Communication**

- Students will be able to engage in conversation, provide and obtain information, express feelings and emotions, and exchange opinions.
- Students will be able to understand and interpret written and spoken language on a variety of topics.
- Students will be able to present information, concepts and ideas to an audience of listeners or readers on a variety of topics.

**Cultures**

- Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the practices and perspectives of the cultures studied.
- Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the products (artifacts) and perspectives of the cultures studied.

**Connections**

- Students will be able to reinforce and further their knowledge of other disciplines through the foreign language.
- Students will be able to acquire information and recognize the distinctive viewpoints that are only available through the foreign language and its cultures.
Comparisons

- Students will be able to demonstrate understanding of the nature of language through comparisons of the language studied and their own.
- Students will be able to demonstrate understanding of the concept of culture through comparisons of the cultures studied and their own.

Communities

- Students will be able to use the language both within and beyond the school setting.
- Students will be able to show evidence of becoming life-long learners by using the language for personal enjoyment and enrichment.

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**Disability Resource Center (DRC)**— Disability Resource Center (DRC)—The UNLV Disability Resource Center (SSC-A 143, http://drc.unlv.edu/, 702-895-0866) provides resources for students with disabilities. If you feel that you have a disability, please make an appointment with a Disabilities Specialist at the DRC to discuss what options may be available to you. If you are registered with the UNLV Disability Resource Center, bring your Academic Accommodation Plan from the DRC to the instructor during office hours so that you may work together to develop strategies for implementing the accommodations to meet both your needs and the requirements of the course. Any information you provide is private and will be treated as such. To maintain the confidentiality of your request, please do not approach the instructor in front of others to discuss your accommodation needs.

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https://www.unlv.edu/provost/transparency

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Tutoring and Coaching—The Academic Success Center (ASC) provides tutoring, academic success coaching and other academic assistance for all UNLV undergraduate students. For information regarding tutoring subjects, tutoring times, and other ASC programs and services, visit http://www.unlv.edu/asc or call 702-895-3177. The ASC building is located across from the Student Services Complex (SSC). Academic success coaching is located on the second floor of the SSC (ASC Coaching Spot). Drop-in tutoring is located on the second floor of the Lied Library and College of Engineering TEB second floor.

UNLV Writing Center—One-on-one or small group assistance with writing is available free of charge to UNLV students at the Writing Center, located in CDC-3-301. Although walk-in consultations are sometimes available, students with appointments will receive priority assistance. Appointments may be made in person or by calling 702-895-3908. The student’s Rebel ID Card, a copy of the assignment (if possible), and two copies of any writing to be reviewed are requested for the consultation. More information can be found at: http://writingcenter.unlv.edu/.

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**Study abroad opportunities**
Accelerate your learning by studying in Germany! UNLV is part of the University Study Abroad Consortium, which provides opportunities for summer five-week sessions (two five-week sessions, or one 10-week session), plus one- and two-semester programs in Lüneburg, where you can study German at all levels. All programs are for credit, and financial aid and scholarships are available. For more details, contact UNLV’s Office of International Programs, CBC B325, 702-895-3896, or [here](http://internationalprograms.unlv.edu).

**University Resources**

**Technology Support Contact Information**
For general technology support and WebCampus support:
Office of Information Technology (OIT), UNLV
(702)895-0777, [here](http://oit.unlv.edu)

**Language Placement Exam**
Department of World Languages and Cultures
FDH 552
(702) 895-3431
[here](http://liberalarts.unlv.edu/Foreign_Languages/placement.html)

**Language Resource Center** (language and multimedia computer lab)
FDH 240
(702)895-1930
[here](http://lrc.unlv.e)

**Campus Advocacy Resource and Empowerment (CARE) line**- If you are experiencing (or have experienced) interpersonal violence, the CARE Line is a 24-hour campus crisis hotline available to victims/survivors of interpersonal violence, as well as their family and friends. Trained volunteer advocates provide support, education, resources, and referrals to on and off campus services for crimes of sexual assault, domestic or dating violence, and stalking.
(702)895-0602
Rape Crisis Center: 888-366-1640

**Student Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)**- CAPS offers many resources along with trained clinicians to help you work through problems commonly experienced by students of all ages and backgrounds. Located in the Student Recreation & Wellness Center.
(702)895-3627
[here](http://www.unlv.edu/srwc/caps)
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| **Week 1** | **Kapitel 1 – Norddeutschland**  
**Text:** Introduction to course  
Look at the *Kapitel 1* opener page and talk about map and photos  
Read and discuss *Einführung* and *Dialektipp* | **SAM:** 01-01 to 01-03  
**Text:** Read *LT 1* Introduction  
Read *LT 1* and complete *Beim Lesen*  
Do 1-1 to 1-3  
Read *Grammatik* 1. Present tense: Regular verbs, Stem-changing verbs, Verbs with separable prefixes |
| **Week 1** | **Text:**  
Discuss *LT 1* Introduction  
Do *Vor dem Lesen*  
Discuss *Kulturtipps*  
Go over 1-1 to 1-3  
Do 1-4, 1-5  
Go over *Grammatik* 1. Present tense: Regular verbs, Stem-changing verbs, Verbs with separable prefixes  
Read *LT 2* Introduction | **SAM:** e-submit 01-04, 01-24 to 01-28  
Hand in: 01-05, Kennst du Hamburg?  
**Text:** Read *LT 2* and complete *Beim Lesen*  
Do 1-8 to 1-10  
Read *Grammatik* 1. Modal verbs |
| **Week 2** | **Text:**  
Discuss *Beim Lesen*  
Discuss *Kulturtipps*  
Go over 1-8 to 1-10  
Do 1-11  
Go over *Grammatik* 1. Modal verbs  
Read *HT 1* Introduction  
Do *Vor dem Hören* | **SAM:** 01-29, 01-30  
01-07 to 01-08  
**Text:** Hand in: 1-14 Q&A on “die Hanse”  
Listen to *HT 1* and complete *Beim Hören*  
Do 1-16  
Read *Grammatik* 2. Simple past tense |
| **Week 3** | **Text:**  
Present 1-14  
Discuss *Beim Hören*  
Do 1-15 to 1-17  
Discuss *Kulturtipps*  
Go over *Grammatik* 2. Simple past tense  
**Quiz:** Hamburg & Hanse; grammar | **SAM:** 01-10  
01-31, 01-33 to 01-35  
**Text:** Read *LT 3* Introduction  
Read *LT 3* and complete *Beim Lesen*  
Do 1-19 to 1-21 (hand in 1-21)  
Read *Grammatik* 3. Future tense and 4. Time, manner, place |
Class Schedule

*HT = Hörtext*  
*Text = Textbook*  
*LT = Lesetext*  
*SAM = Student Activity Manual*

| Week 3 | **Text:**  
|--------|------------------------------------------------|
|        | Discuss *LT 3* Introduction  
|        | Do *Vor dem Lesen*  
|        | Discuss *Beim Lesen*  
|        | Discuss *Kulturtipps*  
|        | Go over 1-19 to 1-21  
|        | Do 1-22  
|        | Go over *Grammatik 3. Future tense and 4. Time, manner, place*  

|        | **SAM:**  
|        | 01-11 and 01-13  
|        | 01-36 to 01-39; 01-41 & 42  
|        | **Text:**  
|        | Read *LT 4* Introduction  
|        | Read *LT 4* and complete *Beim Lesen*  

| Week 4 | Text: Discuss *LT 4 Introduction*  
|  | Do *Vor dem Lesen*; discuss *Kulturtipps*  
|  | Go over *Beim Lesen*; discuss *Kulturtipps*  
|  | Do 1-26 to 1-28 and discuss 1-30 | **In class** | **Homework**  
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|  | **SAM:**  
|  | 01-49 and 01-14  
|  | **Text:**  
|  | Read *HT 2 Introduction*  
|  | Hand in 1-30 – Meine Kindheit essay  
| Week 4 | Text: Discuss *HT 2 Introduction*  
|  | Do *Vor dem Hören*  
|  | Listen and do *Beim Hören*  
|  | Do 1-31 to 1-33 | **In class** | **Homework**  
|  |  
|  | **SAM:**  
|  | 01-19 to 01-23  
| Week 5 | **Washington’s Birthday – no class**  
| Week 5 | Text:  
|  | 1-47  
|  | Discuss *Kapitel* as unit  
|  | Review for chapter test  
|  |  
|  | **SAM:**  
|  | 01-43 to 01-48  
|  | Review for chapter test  
| Week 6 | **Kapitel 1 Test**  
|  | Video: Auf der Reeperbahn mit Einshoch6, dw.de  
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|  | **Text:** *Preview Kapitel 2 opener page*  
| Week 6 | **Kapitel 2 – Berlin**  
|  | **Text:**  
|  | Look at the *Kapitel 2 opener page*; discuss map and photos  
|  | Read and discuss *Einführung* and *Dialektipp*  
|  | Read *LT 1 Introduction*  
|  | Do *Vor dem Lesen* | **In class** | **Homework**  
|  |  
|  | **SAM:**  
|  | 02-01, 02-02, 02-05  
|  | **Text:**  
|  | Read *LT 1* and complete *Beim Lesen*  
|  | Read *Grammatik 1 Present perfect tense*  
|  | Do 2-1 to 2-3  
| Week 7 | Text:  
|  | Discuss *LT 1 Introduction*  
|  | Go over *Beim Lesen*  
|  | Discuss *Kulturtipps*  
|  | Go over 2-1 to 2-3  
|  | Do 2-4  
|  | Go over *Grammatik 1. Present perfect tense* and do selected exercises | **In class** | **Homework**  
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|  | **SAM:**  
|  | 02-04 to 02-06  
|  | hand in: 02-05 *Die Freie Uni Berlin*  
|  | **Text:**  
|  | Do 2-6  
|  | Read *LT 2 Introduction + text*  
|  | Do 2-7 to 2-9  
|  | Read *Grammatik Past participles*  
| Week 7 | **Text:**  
|  | Discuss *LT 2 Introduction*  
|  | Do *Vor dem Lesen*  
|  | Discuss *Beim Lesen*  
|  | Discuss *Kulturtipps*  
|  | Go over 2-7 to 2-9  
|  | Do 2-10  
|  | Go over *Grammatik Past participles* | **In class** | **Homework**  
|  |  
|  | **SAM:**  
|  | 02-07 and 02-08  
|  | 02-27, 02-30  
|  | **Text:**  
|  | Read *HT 1 Introduction*  
|  | Do 2-12  
|  | 2-10: Pick 1 of the 3 topics and write a brief essay  
|  | Read *Grammatik 2. Past perfect tense*  

| Week 8 | Text: | Present results from 2-12  
Discuss HT 1 Introduction  
Do Vor dem Hören  
Listen and complete Beim Hören  
Discuss Kulturtipps  
Do 2-14 to 2-16  
Go over Grammatik 2. Past perfect tense | SAM:  
02-10  
02-31, 02-32  
Text:  
Read LT 3 Introduction  
Read LT 3 and complete Beim Lesen  
Do 2-19, 2-20  
Read Grammatik 3. Gender of nouns |
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| Week 8 | Text: | Discuss LT3 Vor dem Lesen  
Discuss Beim Lesen and Kulturtipps  
Go over 2-19 and 2-20; do 2-21 to 2-23  
Go over Grammatik 3. Gender of nouns  
**Quiz: Freie Uni Berlin, Brandt speech, grammar** | SAM:  
02-10  
02-31, 02-32  
Text:  
Do 2-24  
Read LT4 Introduction  
Read LT4 and complete Beim Lesen  
Read Grammatik 4. Noun: Plural Forms |
| Week 9 | Text: | Discuss LT 4 Introduction  
Do Vor dem Lesen  
Go over Beim Lesen  
Discuss Kulturtipps  
Go over 2-25, 2-26  
Do 2-27  
Go over Grammatik 4. Plural forms | SAM:  
02-15 to 02-17  
02-41 to 02-43  
Text:  
Hand in: 2-29 Mein Wochenende in Berlin  
Read HT 2 Introduction |
| Week 9 | Text: | Do 2-44  
Go over Grammatik 5. Imperative mood  
Discuss Kapitel as unit  
**Mid-semester oral exams**  
| SAM:  
02-44 to 02-55  
Over break: Watch “Goodbye Lenin” | |
| Week 10 | Discuss: Goodbye, Lenin  
Review for test | Study for chapter test |
| Week 10 | **Chapter 2 Test** | **Text:**  
Preview the Kapitel 4 opener page |
| Week 11 | **Kapitel 4 – Wien**  
Look at the Kapitel 4 opener page and talk about map and photos  
Read and discuss Einführung and Dialektipp | SAM:  
04-01, 04-02  
Text:  
Read LT 1 Introduction  
Read and complete Beim Lesen  
Do 4-1 to 4-3  
Grammatik 1. Prepositions: Accusative |
| Week 11 | **Text:**  
Discuss LT 1 Introduction  
Do Vor dem Lesen  
Compare Beim Lesen  
Diskuss Kulturtipps  
Go over 4-1 to 4-3  
Do 4-4, 4-5  
Go over Grammatik 1. Prepositions: Accusative prepositions | SAM:  
04-03 to 04-05  
04-26, 04-27  
Text:  
Do 4-6  
Do 4-7 Hand in: Besuch beim Donauinselfest  
Read HT 1 Introduction  
Read Grammatik 1. Prepositions: Dative (p. 143-146) |
| Week 12 | Discuss *HT 1* Introduction  
Discuss *Vor dem Hören*  
Listen and complete *Beim Hören*  
Discuss *Kulturtipps*  
Do 4-8 to 4-10  
Go over *Grammatik 1. Prepositions: Dative prepositions* (p. 143-146) | 04-06 to 04-07  
04-28, 04-29  
**Text:**  
Do 4-11  
Read *LT 2* Introduction  
Read *LT 2* and complete *Beim Lesen*  
Read *Grammatik 1. Prepositions: Genitive prepositions* (p. 146-147) |
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| Week 12 | **Text:**  
Present 4-11  
Discuss *LT 2* Introduction  
Do *Vor dem Lesen*  
Go over *Beim Lesen*  
Discuss *Kulturtipps*  
Do 4-13 to 4-16  
Go over *Grammatik 1. Prepositions: Genitive prepositions* (p. 146-147)  
**Quiz:** Intro, Donauinselfest, Telefongespräch; grammar | **SAM:**  
04-09 to 04-11  
04-30, 04-31  
**Text:**  
Read *LT 3* Introduction  
Read *LT 3* and complete *Beim Lesen*  
Do 4-19, 4-20  
Read *Grammatik 1. Prepositions: Two-way prepositions* (p. 147-151) |
| Week 13 | **Text:**  
Discuss *HT 2* Introduction  
Do *Vor dem Hören*  
Listen and do *Beim Hören*  
Discuss *Kulturtipps*  
Do 4-24 to 4-27  
Go over *Grammatik 2. Da- und wo-compounds* | **SAM:**  
04-15  
04-36 to 04-39  
**Text:**  
Read *LT 4* Introduction  
Read *LT 4* and complete *Beim Lesen*  
Do 4-29 to 4-31  
Read *Grammatik 3. Weak nouns* |
| Week 14 | **Text:**  
Discuss *LT 4* Introduction  
Go over *Vor dem Lesen*  
Go over *Beim Lesen*  
Discuss *Kulturtipps*  
Go over 4-29 to 4-31  
Do 4-32  
Go over *Grammatik 3. Weak nouns* | **SAM:**  
04-16, 17; to 04-22 – 24  
04-40 to 04-45  
**Text:**  
Do 4-45: Hand in: Win a trip to Vienna! |
| Week 14 | Watch *“Alles wird gut”* short film and Oscar nominee  
Discuss chapter 4 as a unit | **SAM:**  
04-46 to 04-48 |
| Week 15 | Study week  
Oral finals  
Review for final exam | Study for the exam |
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The Optional Status Reporting Program
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Teaching Evaluations:
Please be aware that you are going to receive an E-mail about an evaluation of this course during the last three-four week of each semester. In order to evaluate the effectiveness of teaching at UNLV, course evaluations are required to be administered at the end of each course. Teaching evaluations are a very important piece of assessment data and it is important that the reliability, validity, and legitimacy of these instruments be maintained. Please respond to this e-mail promptly.