

**Willkommen in Deutsch 102-01/02
Spring 2013**

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Classes: GRST 102.01 M/W/F 10:00-10:50 a.m. in Fisk 101

GRST 102.02 M/W/F 11:00-11:50 a.m. in Fisk 101

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Course Materials (all books can be purchased at the bookstore)

- R. DiDonato et al., *Deutsch: Na klar!* 6th edition, textbook and workbook
- Janosch: *Oh, wie schön ist Panama*. Beltz & Gelberg Verlag, Weinheim 2004 (will be handed out in class)
- Cecile Zorach, *English Grammar for Students of German* (optional)
- Henry Strutz, *501 German Verbs* (optional)

You will also need:

3-ring binder or folder for handouts; index cards and/or notebook for vocabulary, and a small notebook to keep a journal. Please check your email and MOODLE daily for homework assignments and additional materials!

This semester you will continue to learn German and will also learn about Germany, and other German-speaking countries and their place in Europe. We will review what you learned last semester and will cover chapters six to eleven. You will also "meet" German authors and read their literature in the original and increase your vocabulary on travel, health, hobbies, jobs, student life, and much more. In addition to the classes with me, you will also attend an Oral Practice Session (OPS) once a week with our teaching assistant, Silvio Bussolera. A balance of activities will help the development of your listening, reading, speaking and writing skills in German and give you a wide variety of cultural information. Assessment of progress will occur across skills throughout the semester. In addition to our textbook, we will use audio and video materials to enhance and strengthen your language skills. I will provide some of these materials in class, and more materials are available on the Language Resource Center website. I also listed numerous activities in MOODLE that will help you learn and practice grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation.

Attendance and Participation

Learning a language is a cumulative process. Therefore, attending class and actively participating are vital. You cannot just get the notes from another student. You will want to keep up - and keep speaking, listening, reading, and writing! You don't have to get everything correct right away, and you shouldn't expect to understand every word. But you want to get the main idea. And most of all, you want to try! **Attendance is required.** Excused absences include family emergencies, illness or medical complications (proven with doctor or nurse's signature). If you miss class, it is your responsibility (not your instructor's) to find out what was done in class and what the homework is before the next class session. It is recommended that you find another student in the class whom you can contact to find out this information. Note that attendance is calculated as a strict percentage of the number of times you were in class – in other words, every unexcused absence in class counts against your overall semester grade for participation. If you have any questions, please contact me as soon as possible.

Homework

No late homework will be accepted. You should expect to spend at least an hour a day to prepare/do homework for German class. Keep in mind that homework is 15% of your final grade.

Tests and quizzes

All Chapter tests are take-home tests except for the final exam. These tests will cover materials discussed in class and assigned as homework. Make-up tests will be given only in case of a family or medical emergency, for which you must bring written verification (with dates and cause of absence).

Vocabulary quizzes may be announced or unannounced. They will deal with words that your instructor has assigned from the textbook. If you miss class on the day of a quiz, you will receive a zero for that quiz. **No make-up quizzes are allowed.**

Skit

In April you will write a skit with two or three other students from your class based on materials from the textbook. You will hand in the script and get feedback from me before you will videotape your skit. Each student will be graded individually.

At the end of the semester you will be able to:

- Engage in short conversation about topics covered in chapters 1-11;
- Ask questions, make requests, suggestions, and hypothesize;
- Speak in the present, past, and future tense;
- Read short literary and non-literary texts at the beginning level;
- Write paragraphs and understand German, spoken at a moderate conversational speed on topics related to chapters 6-11

Grading and Academic Honesty

Upon matriculating, you were required to pledge to uphold the [Honor Code](#). You are expected to use only your own brain on tests, quizzes and exams. All tests but the final exam will be taken outside class. No books, or notes are allowed. You will sign the honor code's pledge, "No aid, no violation," at the beginning of each test. If you do not follow the honor code you will receive an F for the test.

The final grade will be determined by:

Attendance and participation	15%
Homework, incl. vocab. quizzes	15%
Chapter tests	20%
OPS attendance	10%
Final Exam	25 %
Skit	15%

The final semester grade will be calculated according to the following scale:

A+= 98.3 - 100	C+= 78.3 ↑	E+ = 58 ↑
A = 95 ↑	C = 75 ↑	E = 55 ↑
A- = 91.7 ↑	C- = 71.7 ↑	E - = 51.7 ↑
B+ = 88.3 ↑	D+ = 68.3 ↑	F = 45 and below
B = 85 ↑	D = 65 ↑	
B- = 81.7 ↑	D - = 61.7 ↑	

Students with Disabilities

It is the policy of Wesleyan University to provide reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. Please register with [Disabilities Services](#). If you need special accommodations in class, please make an appointment with me during the first full week of classes so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

I encourage you to participate in the events organized by the German House, and other German events on campus.

Items on this syllabus may change due to extenuating circumstances.

VISIT MOODLE FOR NEWS AND UPDATES!

I am very much looking forward to working with you!

GRST 102 – Semesterplan (tentative)

Januar

Mo	Mi	Fr	
		25	Wiederholung Kapitel 1-6
28	30		Wiederholung Kapitel 1-6

Februar

Mo	Mi	Fr	
		1	Kapitel 7
4	6	8	Kapitel 7
11	13	15	Kapitel 7 / Kapitel 8
18	20	22	Kapitel 8
25	27		Kapitel 8

Klausur 1 1. Februar **Kapitel 6**
Klausur 2 15. Februar **Kapitel 7**

März

Mo	Mi	Fr	
		1	Kapitel 9
4	6	8	Kapitel 9
11	13	15	Ferien
18	20	22	Ferien
25	27	29	Kapitel 9

Klausur 3 1. März **Kapitel 8**
Klausur 4 29. März **Kapitel 9**

April

Mo	Mi	Fr	
1	3	5	Kapitel 10
8	10	12	Kapitel 10
15	17	19	Kapitel 11
22	24	26	Kapitel 11 – Abgabe der Skripts für die Skits am 23. April
29			Handouts

Klausur 5 12. April **Kapitel 10**
Klausur 6 26. April **Kapitel 11**

Mai

Mo	Mi	Fr	
	1	3	Handouts, Abgabe der Videos am 1. Mai
6	8		Wiederholung & Skits

Abschlussklausur
102.01 Freitag, den 17. Mai 2013 von 14-17 Uhr
102.02 Donnerstag, den 16. Mai 2013 von 14- 17 Uhr