

**POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES
GERMAN 1110-003: ELEMENTARY GERMAN I
FRÜHLINGSSEMESTER 2014**

MW 5:30 – 7:10 PM FH 2220

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WELCOME TO GERMAN 1110!

This course is designed for the beginning student with no previous knowledge of German. The main objectives of German 1110 are the development of the four basic language skills—listening, speaking, reading, and writing—and the introduction of cultural materials about the German-speaking countries.

OBJECTIVES:

By the end of the semester you will know greetings and everyday expressions. You will also be able to count and tell time, ask questions, and negate sentences. In addition, you will have mastered a significant portion of German grammar and vocabulary.

TEXTBOOK:

We will be using the textbook *Vorsprung*, 3rd edition (2014).

As outlined in this lesson plan, we will cover chapters 1-6. **All textbook assignments included in this lesson plan are to be prepared in advance and are due the day for which they are assigned. Assignments will not be accepted after the due date. All exercises not specifically designated as oral exercises are to be done in writing (*schriftlich*).**

Student Activities Manual (eSAM) Your textbook comes with an **online access code (card)** for the electronic Student Activities Manual (**eSAM**). **You can also buy the code separately.** See bottom of this file for two options. Completing the exercises in the Student Activities Manual of each chapter online is mandatory as indicated on the syllabus. This is in addition to the assignments from the textbook.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE LEARNING CENTER (FLLC):

The language lab, also called the *Foreign Language Learning Center* (FLLC) is located in FH 2330; the phone number is 419-530-5959.

The FLLC is a multimedia laboratory reserved for students enrolled in foreign language courses and is a great place to practice and study a foreign language. In addition, the FLLC has many other materials—videos, CD-ROMS, Internet—that are available for your use in your study of foreign languages. Be sure to bring your student ID with you!

LEARNING ENHANCEMENT CENTER (LEC):

All students are required to work with a German tutor at least twice throughout the semester: once before the midterm and once after the midterm. Students will be provided with the LEC hours during the first week of classes. Failure to work with the tutor will have a negative effect on your grade.

EXAMS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Exams: In the course of the semester you will be given 5 regular chapter exams, an oral midterm exam, and a comprehensive final exam, and will present *Rollenspiele*. Please note, *no exam may be made up*.

Dialogues: As part of your homework assignment you will also compose one short dialogue per chapter for a total of six dialogues. The length of your dialogues is as follows: Dialogue 1: 50 words; Dialogue 2: 75 words; Dialogue 3 – 6: at least 100 but not more than 130 words. All dialogues must be typed, double-spaced! Please be sure to count your words and to turn in your dialogues the day they are due! (See due dates on the syllabus.)

Rollenspiele: Toward the end of the semester you will work in groups on *Rollenspiele*. These are short (ca. 5-7 minutes minimum) skits in German (memorized!) that you will present together with your peers in front of the class. The *Rollenspiele* count as a second oral exam.

GRADES:

Class meetings will be held four times a week (Tuesday through Friday). Not unlike achievements in sports or music, language proficiency is acquired through structured daily practice. For this reason, **attendance is mandatory**. Failure to attend class will have a negative effect on your grade: **after the fourth unexcused absence your final grade will be lowered**. For questions and/or problems see your instructor or the course coordinator, Dr. Friederike Emonds, FH 2400M, during her office hours.

Your grade for German 1110 will be determined as follows: Note that only the 4 best test results count

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| 4 out of 5 chapter exams @100 pts / exam (400 pts.) | 40% |
| Oral midterm (60 pts.) | 6% |
| Rollenspiele (90 pts.) | 9% |
| Final @ 150 pts. (150 pts.) | 15% |
| Student Activity Manual (180 pts.) | 18% |
| Homework / Classwork / Participation / Tutoring (120 pts.) | 12% |
| Total (1000 pts.) | 100% |

→The grades "PR" and "I" are not given in elementary German courses!

FINAL EXAM (ABSCHLUSSPRÜFUNG):

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