

**GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND EDUCATION
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German 1200 3 (5-0-2) UT

COURSE OUTLINE

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COURSE TITLE:	Beginner's German I
CREDITS:	German 1200 and German 1300 combined are equivalent to the University of Alberta's German 100, worth 6 university transfer credits.
CLASS TIMES:	Mondays: 11:30am-1:20pm (LAB) (E302) Tuesdays: 8:30am – 9:50am (E302) Thursdays: 8:30am-9:50am (E302)
COURSE DESCRIPTION:	<p>German 1200 and 1300 together are equivalent to the German 10, 20, and 30 programs in high school. Since our two courses include approximately the same content contained in the three-course high school program, they are fairly intense. Nevertheless, you should understand that German 1200 is a beginner's course. No prior knowledge of German is required or expected.</p> <p>In German 1200, you will be introduced to all four language skill areas: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. You will practice the sounds of German and their relationship to spelling. You will learn basic vocabulary, common expressions for conversation as well as grammar and sentence structures. You will progressively learn to engage in simple conversations about every-day topics, understand texts about German speaking countries and their culture and develop your German writing skills through a variety of activities.</p> <p>If you already have credit in high school German 20, you should probably begin your study with German 1300.</p>

TEXTS:

1. Widmaier, Widmaier, Gonglewski: Treffpunkt Deutsch, 5th edition - Textbook
2. Widmaier, Widmaier, Gonglewski: Treffpunkt Deutsch, 5th edition – Student Activities Manual.
3. It is recommended that you purchase a German / English dictionary.

ATTENDANCE:

As new language structures will be introduced daily, class attendance is essential. Your habits related to attendance, punctuality and participation will undoubtedly manifest themselves in your grades.

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES:

This course is based on the first 6 Chapters in Treffpunkt Deutsch. The textbook presents vocabulary and structures, linked to various themes and practice exercises. Most of our in-class time will focus on the textbook material.

Besides the textbook, there is a student activities manual, which will give you written and oral practice using language elements introduced in the textbook.

The written activities and exercises in this manual are to be completed on your own. The lab (oral) work will be completed in class.

OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES:

Language acquisition depends on contact with and use of the language. You are, therefore, encouraged to expose yourself as much as possible to the language outside of the classroom. Here are some suggestions:

- Find someone to converse with, another class member to study and practice with.
- You are invited to go to the Treffpunkt Deutsch companion website (accessible via <http://prenhall.com/treffpunkt> where you will find self-tests for vocabulary and grammar and informative links as well as access to the complete audio program.
- Other websites offer German programs and practice on line, i.e.
- BBC Languages: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german/dplus/hosp/>
- Deutsche Welle: <http://www.dw-world.de/dw/0,2142,2163,00.html>

COMPOSITIONS:

You will be asked to write 6 compositions increasing in length with the word-count of the final composition at 250-300 words ; for this last composition you may chose your topic from one of the themes of the chapters that were covered.

TESTING:

Regular self and instructor-administrated evaluation is the key to progress. Testing will take several forms:

1. **Chapter Quizzes** - Short written quizzes to check your knowledge of vocabulary and/or grammar presented in the lessons or points (numbered 1-6) Expect approximately one every week.

2. **Chapter Tests** - Each « Kapitel » comprises 6 lessons or points. Upon completion of the chapter, there will be a written test and an oral test:
 - a. *Written Chapter Test* - A 40-45 minute test to examine your facility with the vocabulary and structures covered in the chapter.
 - b. Oral Tests may take different forms, such as listening to an audio segment followed by right / wrong questions, a brief conversation with the instructor or a prepared sketch with another student.

3. **Final Exam** - A final, comprehensive exam consisting of both written and oral parts will be scheduled by the Registrar. **YOU MUST NOT PLAN FAMILY VACATIONS PRIOR TO THE END OF THE FINAL EXAMS PERIOD!**

4. **Self-Evaluation** – There will be numerous opportunities to monitor your own progress. These include the student activity manual exercises – for which an answer key is provided.

CALCULATION OF FINAL MARK:

Quizzes	10%
Chapter Tests (written)	25%
Oral Chapter tests	10%
6 compositions	15%
Final Exam: Oral Component (8%) Written Component (22%)	30%
Participation + workbook + homework	<u>10%</u>
	100%

Alles Gute und viel Spaß!

N.B.

Required Notes:

Grande Prairie Regional College is committed to the highest standards of academic integrity and honesty. Students are expected to be familiar with these standards regarding academic honesty and to uphold the policies of the College in this respect. Students are urged to familiarize themselves with the provisions of the Code of Student Conduct (see GPRC Calendar) Academic dishonesty is a serious offence and can result in suspension or expulsion from the College