

**GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND EDUCATION
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**German 1300 (3 HS/UT)
(5-0-0)**

COURSE OUTLINE

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COURSE TITLE:	Beginner's German II
CREDITS:	German1200 and German1300 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 1300 is the continuation of German 1200 and you will continue practicing all four language skill areas: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. You will continue acquiring vocabulary and common expressions for conversation, as well as grammar and sentence structures. You will learn to engage in simple conversations about every-day topics, understand texts about German speaking countries and their culture and continue to develop your German writing skills in a variety of writing activities.</p> <p>If you already have credit in high school German 20, you can begin your study with German 1300.</p>
TEXTS:	1. Widmaier, Widmaier, Gonglewski: <u>Treffpunkt Deutsch</u> , 5 th 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 will briefly review Chapter 4 and continue with Chapters 5 to 10 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 largely 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 a composition with each of the chapters and one 400 - 500 word composition to be written outside of class and for which you may choose your topic from one of the themes of the chapters that were covered. You will complete this longer essay in the second half of the semester.

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; **they will not necessarily be announced ahead of time.**
2. **Chapter Tests** - Each « Kapitel » comprises 6 lessons or points. Upon completion of the chapter, two tests will be given:
 - a. *Written Chapter Test* - A 40-45 minute test to examine your facility with the vocabulary and structures covered in the chapter.
 - b. Oral Test – Comprehension
 - c. Oral test – Conversation with the instructor
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 and deposited at the reference Desk at the Library.

CALCULATION OF FINAL MARK:

Quizzes	10%
Chapter Tests (written + oral comprehension)	10%
Midterm exam	10%
Conversations	8%
5 compositions (300 words minimum)	12%
1 longer essay	10%
Final Exam: Oral Component (10%) Written Component (20%)	30%
Participation + workbook + homework	<u>10%</u>
	100%

Alles Gute und viel Spaß beim Deutsch Lernen!