

Foreign Language

Form IV: German II

Prerequisites:

Students must have successfully completed German I .

Course description:

The purpose of German II is to continue the progress begun in German I. Additionally, students will be introduced to modern German literature.

Course Goals:

1. Students will master grammatical topics of comparison of adjectives; reflexive verbs and pronouns, narrative past of regular, irregular, and modal verbs; infinitives used as nouns; genitive case and its prepositions; “der” words; demonstrative pronouns; adjective used after definite noun markers, indefinite noun markers, and without noun markers; “da” and “wo” compounds; past perfect tense; subjunctive and passive voices; subordinate and reflexive clauses.
2. Students will be able to converse on topics such as traveling by air, rail and car; staying in youth hostels and hotels; vacationing and horseback riding; farm life; city life; life in large and small communities; table settings; eating in German restaurants, inns and carry-outs; grocery shopping; metric measurements and sizes; shopping in a department store, small shops and markets; festivals and holidays; parts of the body, ailments, medicines; driving a vehicle, parts of a car, traffic conditions and driver’s education; environmental concerns.
3. Students will be able to discuss the themes, characters, and situations of a modern novel.

Course Objectives:

1. Students will be able to speak on a basic level with the German speaking people.
2. Students will be able to read signs and relay information from them in German.
3. Students will be able to understand German spoken to them.
4. Students will be able to express themselves in a written manner in German.

Course Sequence:

Semester I

- Kapitel 1 - Comparison of adjectives
Comparison of adverbs
Gern and Lieber
- Kapitel 2 - Reflexive verbs
Word order of dative and accusative cases
- Kapitel 3 - Past tense – regular verbs
Past tense – irregular verbs
- Kapitel 4 - Past tense of modal auxiliaries
Infinitives as nouns
- Kapitel 5 - Genitive case
Additional “der” words

Semester II

- Kapitel 6 - Demonstrative pronouns
Question words
- Kapitel 7 - Adjectives after der words
Adjectives used as nouns
- Kapitel 8 - Adjectives after ein words
Adjectives not preceded by articles
- Kapitel 9 - Prepositions with Dative or Accusative Case
Da and Wo compounds
- Kapitel 10- Past Perfect Tense
Da/dahin and dort/dorthin
- Kapitel 11 - Verbs with prepositions
Conjunctions

Method and Evaluation:

Daily homework, written, oral and listening comprehension exercises. Guest lecturers, oral presentations, both rehearsed and impromptu. Vocabulary, grammar and listening quizzes will be given on a weekly basis. Chapter tests will follow each chapter. Essays will be assigned, progressively gaining in length, to be completed in German. Projects depicting a particular aspect of grammar or culture will be assigned. Final examination will be an oral examination, administered by an outside proctor and will deal with the novel Emil und die Detektive.

Supplemental materials:

A video series that supplements material in the book will be used. There is an audio CD program and a testing program that will be used with modifications.

There is a workbook provides additional practice for the students.

Various videos about Germany and other German speaking countries will be shown.