

Willkommen

Welcome to German III! You have chosen to study the German language, and the countries where it is spoken - a wise move! Here is why:

- 1.) German is the native tongue of almost 100 million Europeans, making it the single largest language community in Europe!
- 2.) Germany is among the five most important trade partners of the United States. Hundreds of German, Swiss, and Austrian companies doing business here and in Europe, are looking for job applicants with basic to advanced German language skills.
- 3.) The economies of Germany, Switzerland, and Austria are among the most robust not only in Europe, but the world.
- 4.) The cultural and technical achievements – past and present – of the German speaking countries reach far beyond their borders and live on in food, music, clothing, literature, and automobiles across the U.S.
- 5.) When traveling to Germany, Switzerland, Austria, or Liechtenstein, knowing German will make it easier for you to meet people and fully appreciate the culture. Besides, you will come across as being well educated.
- 6.) Upon graduation from Hamilton High School, you have the opportunity to earn retroactive credits from a UW-System University. You could be a sophomore by the end of your freshman year and earn up to 15 credits.

Recipe for Success

- A. Goal: The goal of the Deutsch III is to develop communicative and cultural skills relating to the German language. Possessing communicative skills in the target language will enable the student to socialize, provide and acquire information, express personal feelings and opinions, and get others to adopt a course of action.
- B. Complete homework carefully: The assignments you will be given are your written practice for new material. Use your notes, and vocabulary lists to do these exercises, and **think** about what the German means to you. Daily homework assignments are worth up to five points each, with points deducted if sloppy, incomplete, or poorly done. Late work is accepted only after an excused absence, and ***you are responsible*** for finding out what you missed.
- C. Grading: Successful academic achievement is attained in large part via a well-organized, proactive approach to learning. There are many opportunities for success in this course. Grades are based on total points earned within each category. Extra credit is not offered, nor are grades rounded.

Major Tests & Assessments - 45% Minor Assessments & Quizzes - 25%
Assignments & Homework – 15% Participation - 15%

- D. Classroom behavior: Proper respectful behavior is expected. Our responsibility to one another is not only to help one another learn German, but to help each other become greater citizens of our global society. Behavior contrary to these ideals or behaviors that violate our classroom environment will not be tolerated. Students can expect phone calls to parents, or intervention with school administration.

- E. Extra help: I am more than happy to help students with German-related and other questions. Please feel free to see me if you feel a bit behind, or if you don't understand something we covered in class.

F. Cheating: Cheating is a serious offense. In general, cheating includes any attempt to pass off another person's work as your own or any attempt to gain a grade through deceit or a distortion of the truth. Unless specifically stated by the teacher in writing, all work turned in for credit, is to be authentic and completed by YOU. It will not be copied from a "partner" because you "worked together", nor will it be copied and pasted from an online translator. Work cannot be recycled from previous classes or assignments. Those students caught cheating will receive an automatic zero for that assignment, quiz, or test.

G. Cell Phones: There is a time and a place to be checking your cell phone. In the middle of class is not the time to do so. Student use of cell phones, electronic paging or two-way communication devices during school hours is prohibited, except as specifically authorized by the building principal or in accordance with the Acceptable Use Agreement for Student Use of Personal Technology Devices on School Grounds (BYOD)(365.1-Exhibit2). Any student found violating this policy shall be disciplined accordingly. If I see cell phones out when it should be in the classroom phone caddy, I will then follow the protocol below:

- 1st offense – verbal warning; phone goes in caddy
- 2nd offense – phone taken by teacher and turned into the office

H. Keys to success in German

- ✓ Listening and participating in class;
- ✓ Reviewing and studying vocabulary at night;
- ✓ Completing homework assignments;
- ✓ Using and enjoying the German you learn in class!

Remember: If you are cooperative, consistent, and well organized, you should do well in this class. I am looking forward to a wonderful year with you, and hope you find your study of German to be challenging, rewarding, and enjoyable.

Viel Spaß und Alles Gute mit Deutsch!

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Students and parents: please sign and return.....this is your first homework grade!

Print name: _____

We've read the informational letter, and we are glad we chose to study German. We understand that homework is essential to success, and agree to keep up with the material **and** participate in class.

Student signature: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Knowing German gives students an edge



in science and technology,
engineering, business,
and the arts
(just to name a few fields)!

German companies



create nearly 1 million American jobs.



Germany has the world's
4th largest economy
and is the world's 2nd
largest exporter.



There are many German
bands with music of every
genre and TV shows to
help spark interest and
speed learning along.

German learners earn more!



Proficiency in German leads to **\$128,000**
more of lifetime earnings, far more than
the projected lifetime earnings of those
who study French (\$77K) or Spanish (\$51K).



German has
a huge
online
presence!

- Knowing German gives students access to
over **15 million** websites.
- Germany's **.de** takes second place to **.com**

Germany funds
over **60,000**
international
exchanges
each year.



A major or minor in
German complements
a wide range of majors
and makes students
more competitive
in the job market.

Many US universities offer double major/dual
degree programs in German.

- **Engineering and German** at the University
of Rhode Island, University of Georgia,
University of Maryland, and many more
- **International Business and German** at
Valparaiso University, University of Alabama,
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
- **Journalism or Management Information
Systems and German** at the University
of Arizona

German is a global language

- 1 **Germany is in the heart of Europe** and borders on nine other
countries; millions of people living there come from nearby nations
like Turkey, Italy, Poland, Greece, and Croatia.
- 2 **Germany attracts students** from many countries including Brazil, China,
Canada, and Japan. Who can blame them? **College tuition is free!**
- 3 **German is one of the three official languages** of the European Union, and two
of the three UN Headquarters are in German speaking countries.
- 4 **German is the most widely spoken language in the European Union.** It is the 3rd
most popular foreign language taught worldwide and the 2nd most popular in
Europe and Japan.



Learning German is easier than you think!



Brot = bread	Katze = cat
Freund = friend	Haus = house
Sommer = summer	Musik = music
Winter = winter	Buch = book
Bär = bear	Wasser = water

German-style dual education vocational
training programs are expanding
across the US.



Germany
and the U.S.

