

	Hamilton High School
	Willkommen in der Deutsch 5 Klasse!
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Course Overview: German 5 is a continuation of the proficiency-based approach to language learning that was started in German 1-4. The goal of this course is to develop a deeper understanding of the German-speaking cultures and a better command of the German language. German 5 is designed to provide students with opportunities to increase their proficiency in the German language through a variety of speaking, listening, reading and writing activities. I hope you find your study of German to be challenging, rewarding, and enjoyable. Viel Spaß beim Deutschlernen!

#### Units of Study in German 5:

- ★ Review of German 1-4
- ★ Germany and Berlin: Then and Now
- ★ My Future Plans
- ★ Till Eulenspiegel: The Biggest Rogue of All Time

#### Academic & Behavioral Expectations

Daily Supplies: Please bring the following materials to class EVERY DAY:

- ★ your fully-charged Chromebook and headphones
- ★ 3-ring binder with pockets and/or 2-pocket folder with prongs
- ★ loose leaf paper and/or notebook
- ★ blue/black pens and #2 pencils and highlighters

Attendance: Regular attendance is very important in order to receive pertinent instruction and feedback on a daily basis. During class, please pay attention and follow all directions.

- ★ If you are absent from class, it is your responsibility to:
  - visit our Google Classroom page → click on the “Classwork” tab to see our daily agendas
  - check in with me before class on the day you return
- ★ If you are absent from class on a day that there is a quiz or test, you must see me ASAP to schedule a day/time when you will make it up. Tests and quizzes must be made up within one week of an absence.
- ★ If you know that you will be missing class, please see me in advance to get the necessary work.

Tardiness: Just as important as being in class on a regular basis, you are also expected to arrive at class on time and be ready to learn when the bell rings. If you are late to class, you will be marked tardy in Infinite Campus.

Cell Phones: All students are required to silence their cell phones and put them in their designated pocket in the phone caddy before class starts. **Please make every effort to help yourself and those around you to focus on your classwork!** Students who use their phones or other personal electronic devices without permission or in a manner not intended will receive consequences according to the student handbook.

Chromebooks: You will use your Chromebook in class every day. Please bring it with you and make sure it is charged when you come to class. There are times you may also need to use headphones.

Approved Online Resources: If you need to use an online dictionary, please use one of these:

- ★ <https://www.leo.org/>
- ★ <https://www.dict.cc/>
- ★ <https://www.wordreference.com/>

Homework/Assignments: Homework will typically be assigned on a daily basis and it is an opportunity for you to practice on your own what you’ve learned in class. If you don’t have a specific assignment due for the next class, you should be reviewing vocabulary and/or notes. Homework is typically not collected and graded, but we will often correct assignments together in class; you are expected to correct your own homework as we discuss it.

Many times your assignment will be a “mündliche Arbeit” (= speaking task) which means that you must verbally respond to a question or prompt. Mündliche Arbeit assignments vary in how many points they are worth, but each response is graded as a such:

Zeichen	Punkte	Beschreibung
+ (Plus)	5 Punkte	response makes sense and is grammatically correct
✓ (Häkchen)	3 Punkte	response makes sense but is not grammatically correct
- (Minus)	1 Punkt	response does not make sense and is not grammatically correct
0 (Null)	0	response is in English or no response is given

Late Work: You will receive 80% of your earned grade on late assignments. Late assignments will be accepted only during the unit in which they were assigned.

Extra Help/Tutoring: If you don't understand something or feel that you need extra help/practice, please see me ASAP so that we can come up with a plan for you to get the help you need either from me or a tutor. I am available to students for extra help before school (starting at 6:45 am), during advisement, after school (most days until 3:10 pm) and sometimes during lunch periods.

Academic Integrity: Plagiarism and cheating are not tolerated. All concerns regarding cheating and plagiarism as outlined in the student handbook will be followed. Offenses may include a 0 on the assignment or, at most, partial credit up to 50% for an assignment that is revised. Each incident will be dealt with by the administration. Please note that referrals for academic dishonesty are cumulative over a student's enrollment at Hamilton.

Grading Scale: The grading scale for the class is as follows:

	B+ 90.5 - 92.4%	C+ 81.5 - 83.4%	D+ 70.5 - 73.4%
A 94.5 - 100%	B 85.5 - 90.4%	C 75.5 - 81.4%	D 65.5 - 70.4%
A- 92.5 - 94.4%	B- 83.5 - 85.4%	C- 73.5 - 75.4%	D- 62.5 - 65.4%

Your grade will be calculated using the following categories:

- ★ Homework/Daily Work/In-Class Work (15%)
- ★ Participation/mündliche Arbeit/Zungenbrecher (15%)
- ★ Minor Assessments/Quizzes (25%)
- ★ Major Assessments/Tests/Projects (45%)
- ★ NOTE: The final exam counts as 15% of your semester grade.

Behavior: While in class, you will be expected to maintain a mature level of behavior and follow these guidelines:

- ★ Respect yourself, your classmates, your teacher, and your school.
- ★ Be kind to each other with your words and actions.
- ★ Raise your hand to speak and listen respectfully to what others say.
- ★ Use as much German as possible in class every day. You can't improve your German skills by speaking English!
- ★ Speaking German means that you will have to take risks and you will probably make mistakes when you do....but making mistakes is OKAY and a huge part of learning!
- ★ Be open-minded and have fun!

Discipline: Failure to maintain these expectations and responsibilities will result in one or more of the following steps:

- ★ Step 1: Verbal warning
- ★ Step 2: Conference with the teacher
- ★ Step 3: Parent call/conference
- ★ Step 4: Administrative referral/intervention

Questions/Concerns: I ask students and families to also communicate with me directly if you have questions or concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me as soon as an issue arises. The best way for you to reach me is by email ([karrte@hamilton.k12.wi.us](mailto:karrte@hamilton.k12.wi.us)) or the Remind App. I am excited to start the new semester and meet you all! Los geht's!

### German 5 Films

This year in German 5 we will watch some authentic German films. Generally, the subtitled versions of these films earn their American ratings because of language (often mistranslated, rendering a milder German curse word into a more severe English one) and occasional nudity. It is important to note that the German rating system is different from that of the United States. European films are generally more conservative with regard to on screen violence and more liberal with nudity, whereas American films often tend to be the opposite.

While some of these films feature some adult language and situations, these concerns are in my professional opinion secondary to the discussion opportunities that they raise, as well as the opportunity for students to enhance their study of German through authentic spoken, visual and cultural context. However, if you would prefer that your child not watch any or all of the films in his/her class, an alternate activity will be arranged for him or her during that time with no adverse effects to his or her grade.

Films slated for possible inclusion in this year's curriculum are detailed below. Please read the descriptions carefully and then indicate your preferences below the descriptions.

I give my child permission to view films in German 5 EXCEPT for the titles I have checked below:

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ **Die Welle (The Wave) (R):** During high school project week, teacher Rainer Wenger comes up with an experiment to explain to his students how totalitarian governments work. A role-playing assignment with tragic results ensues. Within a few days, what began with harmless themes like discipline and community, turns into a real movement: The Wave. By the third day, students start ostracizing and threatening others. When the experiment goes too far, the teacher decides to break it off, but it may already be too late.
- ☐ **Sophie Scholl: The Final Days (PG):** The year is 1943 and Adolf Hitler's devastating march across Europe has resulted in the formation of the White Rose, an underground resistance movement born in Munich and dedicated to the fall of the Third Reich. Despite being one of the only female members in the White Rose movement, Sophie Scholl's conviction is strong and her will unbreakable. Eventually arrested by the Gestapo for distributing pamphlets on campus alongside her brother Hans, Sophie boldly maintains her ground by calling for freedom and personal responsibility and never once backing down even in the face of certain, inescapable death.
- ☐ **Goodbye Lenin (R):** The movie starts in East Germany before the fall of communism; our hero, Alex, describes how his mother, a true believer in the communist cause, has a heart attack when she sees him being arrested by police at a protest. She falls into a coma for eight months--during which time the Berlin Wall comes down. When she awakens, her health is quite fragile and she must avoid any shocks. Alex then creates an illusive reality around his bedridden mother to convince her that communism is still alive.
- ☐ **Till Eulenspiegel (NR):** In this animated adventure tale, prankster Till Eulenspiegel is on his way to the city to visit his grandfather, the slightly absent-minded wizard Marcus. The old man brews up a magical happiness potion he feels the townsfolk need. Till embarks on an adventurous quest to find Marcus, who vanishes in an explosion of potion that had been tampered with.

Please note that if this signed form is returned with no movie titles checked, then it is understood that the student has permission to watch any and/or all of the movies listed above in his/her German 5 class.

## Student and Parent Acknowledgement of Deutsch 5 Syllabus

After reviewing all of the information on this course syllabus, please sign below and return this page or scan it and send it to Frau Karrels by the date indicated below. Your signatures on this page indicate that the course expectations have been communicated clearly by Frau Karrels and understood clearly by the student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s). If you have any questions about the information in this syllabus, please contact me ASAP. Danke schön!

This page is due to Frau Karrels by:

Student's Name (printed):	Parent/Guardian's Name (printed):
Student's Signature:	Parent/Guardian's Signature: