

## GER 2200 (2389) Intermediate German I, Fall 2018

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### Time and Location

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### INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

GER 2200 is the first of 2 intermediate language courses. If you have taken German language courses at the High School level or at another college and you are not sure if this course is your level, please take the SAT II test before you register.

We highly recommend both GER 2200, Intermediate German I and GER 2240, Intermediate German II (offered in the spring semester) for students who have not had the opportunity to participate in the [Study Abroad Program in Mannheim, Germany](#) before they register for advanced German language courses. In the Mannheim Program, students prepare themselves in intensive coursework at the intermediate "B1" level for the Zertifikat Deutsch exam or at the advanced "B2" level for the Goethe-Zertifikat B2-exam.

#### **The Required text for Intermediate I: "Begegnungen A2+, Integriertes Kurs- und Arbeitsbuch"**

**Recommended text: "Begegnungen, Glossar A2+Englisch".**

"A2+ Begegnungen" is on Level 1 of the [Common European Framework of References for Languages](#). The CEFR proposed three broad divisions which can be divided into [six levels](#):

A Basic Speaker: A1 Breakthrough or beginner; **A2 Waystage or elementary**

B Independent Speaker: B1 Threshold or pre-intermediate; B2 Intermediate

C Proficient Speaker: C1 Effective operational proficiency or upper intermediate; C2 Mastery or advanced.

The textbook "**A2+ Begegnungen**" is an 'all-in-one' text with CD's to help you improve listening comprehension. You can download the content of the CD's on a storage device. Each of the eight chapters consists of four parts: Teil A (Kernprogramm), Teil B (fakultatives Zusatzprogramm=Kultur/Wissen), Teil C (Grammatik-und Wortschatzübungen), und Teil D (Redemittel und Evaluation)

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## REQUIREMENTS

**This is a hybrid course and you will need to bring your laptop to class.**

**All tests, quizzes, VoiceThread assignments, and a number of other homework assignments are in Canvas.** We use VoiceThread for oral practice. You will form groups of three for creating a VT script and the oral submission. Each individual student has to submit the script as a word document in the VT assignment page.

There will be chapter tests, a midterm, and a comprehensive final. You are expected to attend classes regularly and to submit all homework assignments on time. On the day of each chapter test, bring your textbook for grading. Both the work in the textbook and the homework assignments in Canvas account for your homework grade. NOTE: This is 20% of your final grade. Late homework is not accepted except for situations which count for an excused absence. For missed homework, missed midterm or final exam, you will receive a F. Besides the mid-term and a final exam, there will be a number of unannounced grammar and vocabulary quizzes. The final exam date is according to the Registrar Final Exam Schedule.

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## FINAL GRADE

Preparedness for and participation in classroom activities 10%

Homework: 20%

Quizzes: 15%

Chapter Tests: 25%

Midterm (written and oral): 15%

Final (written and oral) 15%

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## GRADING SCALE

<b>100-93 A</b>	<b>92-90 A-</b>	<b>89-87 B+</b>	<b>86-83 B</b>
<b>82-80 B-</b>	<b>79-77 C+</b>	<b>76-73 C</b>	<b>72-70 C-</b>
<b>69-67 D+</b>	<b>66-63 D</b>	<b>62-60 D-</b>	<b>Below 60 E</b>

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### ATTENDANCE and LATE POLICY

Students will be permitted 3 unexcused absences per semester. An excused absence is either one for which a medical certificate is provided or a certified University activity for which a written excuse from the University is provided. A medical certificate must clearly state that the student was unable to attend class on the date the class was missed. While there is no limit to the number of excused absences, the student is still responsible for making up missed work.

A class roll will be passed around at the beginning of the class. If a student is late, he or she will have to sign the roll after the class. Late arrivals distract other students and the instructor and will affect the student's final participation grade.

Student will lose 1% from their final grades for every unexcused absence after the first such absence as well as 1% from their final grade each time they arrive late

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### MAKE-UP POLICY

There are NO MAKE-UPS for un-excused absences for quizzes or exams. The instructor may allow students to take exams and quizzes early in certain mitigating circumstances.

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### CELL PHONE POLICY

Students must turn off cell phones before coming to class. Each time a student's cell phone rings during class, he or she will lose 1% from his or her final grade.

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### GRADES DISPUTES

Should a student wish to dispute any grade received in this class (other than simple addition errors), the dispute must be in writing and be submitted to the instructor within a week of receiving the grade. The dispute should set out very clearly the grade the student believes the assignment should have received as well as why the student believes he or she should have received such a grade.

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### ACADEMIC HONESTY

On all work submitted for credit the following pledge is either required or implied:

On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment. Violations of this policy will result in disciplinary action according to the judicial process. For more details, go to [Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution](#) on the "Dean of Students Office" website.

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## STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the [Dean of Students Office](#). The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the instructor when requesting accommodation.