

GER 2240, Spring 2016

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Course Objectives

GER 2240, Intermediate German II, is a required course for German minors and majors.

Texts: "Begegnungen B1+, Integriertes Kurs- und Arbeitsbuch" and "Begegnungen, Glossar

B1+Englisch.

B1 is the Threshold or intermediate level 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.

"Begegnungen" is a 'all-in-one' text with CD's to help you improve listening comprehension. 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). There will be a test after each chapter, a midterm, and a comprehensive final.

Besides the textbooks, this course uses Canvas and the tools available within this platform. Tests and

quizzes will be given both online and from the worksheets of "Begegnungen". In addition, we use

VoiceThread for oral practice.

Requirements

You are expected to attend classes regularly and to submit all homework assignments on time, both

online and in your "Begegnungen" workbook. VoiceThread assignments are for oral interaction, primarily outside of class. There will be unannounced quizzes to keep you on track. 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 0 points. Homework assignments and participation count for 25% of the final grade. Work that is copied from the internet without giving credit to the author or copied from google translate is considered cheating.

Final Grade

Homework 15%

Participation in Class 10%

Chapter Tests 20%

Quizzes 15%

Midterm (written and oral) 20%

Final Exam (written and oral) 20%

Grading Scale 100-93 A; 92-90 A-; 89-87 B+; 86-83 B; 82-80 B-; 79-77 C+; 76-73 C; 72-70 C-; 69-67 D+; 66-63 D; 62-60 D

For further information on grades and grading policies go the UF Undergraduate Catalog 2015.

Attendance and Late Policy

Students will be permitted 1 unexcused absence 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.

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.

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

Grade 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.

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.