



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

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Description: German 1A

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
GER	1010	62618	1, 2007	ONC	1.00	Toowoomba

Academic group:	FOART
Academic org:	FOA003
Student contribution band:	1
ASCED code:	091503

STAFFING

Examiner: Rod Wilson

Moderator: Gabriela Pohl

SYNOPSIS

United Germany is a major economic, political and cultural force in the world, in particular in the European Union. German is widely used in central Europe as a means of communication, especially in business and trade, between partners who have no other language in common. German has contributed key terminology to fields such as music, science and engineering. German is also a major Australian community language with special historical significance to south-eastern Queensland. This course will extend students' communicative competence in German by involving them in learning activities based around various text types, spoken, written and visual, dealing with topics of cultural, historical and literary interest. Where appropriate, texts relevant to students' other major area of study interest can be used to supplement and complement their learning in German. Basic linguistic concepts (phonology) will also be introduced.

OBJECTIVES

On successful completion of this course students will have:

1. enhanced ability to comprehend texts and to communicate in speech and in writing on the range of topics covered in the course.
2. enhanced socio-cultural, historical and literary knowledge of German-speaking countries;
3. knowledge of basic German phonology;
4. familiarity with German terms relevant to their (other) major discipline.

TOPICS

Description	Weighting (%)
1. Oral Communication (Speaking and Listening)	25.00
2. Aural skills (Listening only)	10.00

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at <http://bookshop.usq.edu.au> click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

CD's: Berliner Platz 3 2 Audio-CDs zum Lehrbuchteil ISBN:3-468-47874-7 Berliner Platz 3 1 Audio-CD zum Arbeitsbuchteil ISBN:3-468-47876-3

Glossary: Glossar Deutsch-Englisch (available on the web)

Airlie, M & Littlejohn, J 2006, *Collins German Dictionary (unabridged)*, 6th edn, , Harper Collins, Glasgow/New York.

Lemcke, Christiane, Rohrmann, Lutz, Scherling, Theo, Unter Mitarbeit von Koker, Anne *Berliner Platz 3 Lehr- und Arbeitsbuch*, , Langenscheidt, (ISBN: 3-468-47871-2)

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

Fayndrich, C & Ulrike, T 2000, *Klipp and klar: Uebungsgrammatik Grundstufe Deutsch*, , Klett, Stuttgart.

Strutz, H 1998, *501 German Verbs*, , Hauppauge, New York. (Barron's Educational Series)

Zorach, C 1994, *English Grammar for Students of German*, 3rd edn, , Ann Arbor, Michigan.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Assessment	5.00
Laboratory or Practical Classes	60.00
Private Study	100.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg(%)	Due date
ASSIGNMENT 1	100.00	10.00	05 Apr 2007 (see note 1)
TEST 1 - WRITTEN (1 HOUR)	100.00	20.00	03 May 2007 (see note 2)
ASSIGNMENT 2	100.00	10.00	25 May 2007 (see note 3)
TEST 2 - LISTENING (45 MINS)	100.00	10.00	12 Jun 2007 (see note 4)
TEST 3 - WRITTEN (2 HRS)	100.00	25.00	14 Jun 2007 (see note 5)
TEST 4 - ORAL (15 MINS)	100.00	25.00	22 Jun 2007 (see note 6)

NOTES

1. Assessment due dates are tentative and will be confirmed when the teaching timetable is finalised. This assessment is aligned with Objectives 1 and 2.
2. This assessment is aligned with Objectives 1, 2 and 4.
3. This assessment is aligned with Objectives 1 and 2.
4. This assessment is aligned with Objective 1.
5. This assessment is aligned with Objectives 1, 2 and 4.
6. This assessment is aligned with Objectives 1 and 3.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:
In order to achieve course objectives, attendance at and participation in all learning activities are strongly advised. These are important factors in the development of oral and aural skills and as such will be monitored regularly and cumulatively. Students absent from classes are responsible for obtaining and completing all work and homework covered during their absence and for informing themselves of announcements regarding course-related activities and administrative matters. For this course, normal class attendance consists of 5 hours of class and class activities per week.
- 2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
To successfully complete an individual assessment item, a student must achieve at least 50% of the marks or a grade of at least C-. This statement must be read in conjunction with Statement 4 below.
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval, then a penalty of 10% of the total marks available for the assignment will apply for each of the first FIVE working days late, after which a zero mark will be given.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of a passing grade, students must demonstrate, via the summative assessment items, that they have achieved the required minimum standards in relation to the objectives of the course by obtaining at least 50% of the total weighted marks for all summative assessment, and at least 50% of the marks for each of the final Listening, Oral and Written Tests.

- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the aggregate of the weighted marks obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.
- 6 Examination information:
Assessment in this course is continuous as outlined under Assessment Details above. No additional examination will be held during the official examination period.
- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Any makeup/outstanding assessment must be completed by a date set by the examiner.
- 8 University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6 Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL
<http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm>

ASSESSMENT NOTES

- 9 (a) The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must lodge the assignment at the USQ. (b) All Faculty of Arts assignments must be lodged in the Faculty Assessment Centre on the Ground Floor of Q Block no later than 12 noon on the due date. (c) In the event that a due date for an assignment falls on a local public holiday in their area, such as a Show holiday, the due date for the assignment will be the next day. Students are to note on the assignment cover the date of the public holiday for the examiner's convenience. (d). Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be despatched to USQ within 24 hours if requested by the Examiner. (e) In accordance with University's Assignment Extension Policy (Regulation 5.6.1), the examiner of a course may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances such as documented ill-health. (f) Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in the course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of the course within the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM (Incomplete-Makeup). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of non-directed personal study. (g) Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment or sit for an examination at the scheduled time, may apply to defer an assessment in the course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded: IDS (Incomplete - Deferred Examination; IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up); IDB (Incomplete - Both Deferred Examination and Deferred Make-up).