



☉ Willkommen im Deutschunterricht ☉

In this class, we will build the foundation of your language skills and strengthen your grammar, spelling and conversational knowledge. We will explore cultural, traditional, and geographic aspects of German-speaking countries and regions through art, music, and literature.

In Deutsch 1, our focus will lie on acquiring a solid basic knowledge of the language, on reading poems, and singing songs. We will be learning how to waltz Viennese style and plan and hold a ballroom waltzing evening at the end of the first semester. In the second semester, we will look at shorter stories and texts, and maybe a book already.

I will attempt to include your personal interests during the school year to make this class as informative as possible for you. Language can be a beautiful tool to explore foreign cultures and meet people, and I will show you how to use it effectively.

Class Participation: 50%

Homework: 30%

Quizzes and Tests: 20%

Punctuality: Every student is expected to be on time. Three tardies in two weeks will result in a detention. Continued tardies will trigger further steps, listed in the student handbook.

Absences: Unexcused absences will result in a zero for any work due or covered in class that day. For planned and excused absences, it is your responsibility to acquire notes and assignment instructions from that day. In the case of extended illness, please contact me, so that we can work out a plan for you to stay on track.

Class Participation: Every student is expected to actively participate in class and to take notes. Most of the essential information will be written on the board and reviewed the next morning. Any student might be asked to present or share his/her notes.

Homework: There will be homework. Homework cannot be e-mailed. Two late homework assignments will result in a required lunch study hall. Skipped study hall will result in a Notice of Concern, and a zero on that homework. Two late assignments in a week will result in an immediate Notice of Concern.

Late Assignments: Late assignments will receive a 10% deduction on the first day. Any assignment will receive a zero after that. It is the student's responsibility to present late work to the teacher. Assignments of excused absences have to be turned in on the first day back in class.



Homework format: Essays should be written on white paper in blue or black ink or typed. If typed, the font should be a classic, between 10 and 12 point font, single spaced. Margins should be one inch on all four sides. Every page should have page numbers centered on the bottom. First page should display: first and last name in upper right corner, course name on line below, followed by the date (month, day, year) on the next line, and title of paper in center below.

First Name Last Name
Name of Class
Month Day, Year
Title May be BOLD or UNDERLINED
Indent paragraphs.
Page # center at bottom of each page

Quizzes: There will be unannounced quizzes.

Test: There will be Announced tests . You will receive more information regarding its content in class. Unexcused, missed tests will result in an immediate Notice of Concern.

Academic Honesty: Please consult the student handbook.

Academic Extensions: In case of extreme circumstances, a student can apply for an Academic Extension. Please consult the student handbook for more information.

Honors Option: For honors, students can read an accompanying book. For more details, please see me after class.

“Der Mensch wird universeller, wenn er verschiedene Sprachen lernt. Die feineren Organisationen der Völker fließen aus der Sprache hervor.”

Rudolf Steiner

