

Northwest Arkansas Community College
(Communication and Arts Division)

Discipline Code

GERM

Course Number

2003

Course Title

Intermediate German I

Catalog Description

Further development of language skills in German, with emphasis on reading, composition, and oral practice. It includes readings in German literature, culture, and civilization.

Prerequisites

GERM 1013 with a C or better, three years of recent high-school German, or department consent.

Credit Hours

3 credit hours

Contact Hours

45 contact hours

Load Hours

3 load hours

Semester Offered

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ACTS Equivalent

GERM 2013

Grade Mode

A-F

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of Intermediate German I the students will do the following in these 5 basic skill groups:

Listening

- Understand sentence-length utterances consisting of re-combinations of learned vocabulary and grammatical structures.
- Be able to sustain understanding over longer stretches of connected discourse pertinent to course grammar and vocabulary.

Speaking

- Successfully participate in simple conversations and discussion pertinent to thematic chapters.
- Ask and answer more difficult questions involving learned material and personal opinions on various topics.
- Continue to practice correct pronunciation of German sounds, phrases, and words.

Reading

- Analyze authentic texts, poems or excerpts from fiction or non-fiction, cultural readings, dialogues, and magazine and newspaper articles.

Writing

- Write statements and questions in present, present and past perfect, and simple past tenses.
- Produce paragraphs related to personal preferences, daily routine, and in response to the readings in each chapter.
- Compose an essay in response to a feature-length film in German.

Culture

- Expand knowledge of German culture.
- Discuss primary works of German literature (both East and West German writers), visual arts, magazine and newspaper articles, and film.

General Education Outcomes Supported

- Students develop higher order thinking skills.
- Students gain greater awareness of cultural perspectives.
- Students can write clear, coherent, well-organized documents, which are substantially free of errors.
- Students develop effective oral communication skills.

Standard Practices

Topics List

Vocabulary

- Leisure activities, communication via internet and texting, Germany after the Fall of the Berlin Wall and into the 21st Century, family and music.

Grammar

- Extensive review of present and past tenses, nouns, articles, double infinitive constructions with and without modals, word order, independent and dependent clauses.

Learning Activities

Informational gap activities, listening comprehension, open question and answer activities, surveys, and questionnaires completed in pairs or small groups and conducted the target language emphasizing both verbal and written responses.

Assessments

Tests, oral assessment, workbook, lab program, and final exam.

Grading guidelines

Standardized quizzes and exams are graded with a common key. Compositions and verbal assessments are graded with a rubric.

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