

The University of Western Ontario
Department of Modern Languages and Literatures

GERMAN 2200 (the former German 200 / 20 / 22)
INTERMEDIATE GERMAN
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German 2200 is an intermediate-level course for students having Grade 12U German, or German 1030 or equivalent qualifications, or the permission of the department. It builds upon and develops fundamental reading, writing, speaking and listening comprehension skills acquired in previous course work and prepares the student to master complex texts and discourse situations.

Course Aims:

- To continue developing the ability to comprehend German in a variety of social situations
- To build the students' capacity to express themselves in German in different cultural contexts
- To offer insights into the culture and history of the German-speaking countries
- To keep promoting positive attitudes to language learning in general and a deeper understanding of other societies and cultures
- To review material covered in previous course studies in order to reinforce the knowledge of German syntax, phonetics and morphology in comparison to English
- To further intellectual and personal development by developing the student's general communicative capacity
- To provide a foundation for further study of German.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, students are expected to be able to do the following:

- Pronounce German correctly to allow for smoother conversation
- Understand standard German as spoken in everyday situations
- Communicate using a variety of German expressions and idioms
- Express relatively complex ideas and emotions
- Write complex sentences and short essays in German
- Understand challenging reading passages (including short literary texts) in German
- Discuss a variety of concrete and abstract topics in German
- Use a significantly expanded German vocabulary
- Understand major differences and similarities between German-speaking countries and North America
- Have a general idea of the more recent German history
- Function without major problems in a German-speaking environment.

Format:

Four compulsory classroom hours per week.

Required Texts (available in one package):

Moeller, Adolph, Mabee, Berger. *Kaleidoskop*, Student Text, 7th Edition

Moeller, Adolph, Mabee, Berger. *Kaleidoskop*, Student Activities Manual, 7th Edition

Mark Breakdown:

4 classroom quizzes	20%
Assignments	10%
Participation	10%
Oral presentation	5%
Two short compositions	8%
Term Test I	10%
Term Test II	12%
Final exam	25%

Important Dates:

FALL 2008

Sept. 10	Classes begin
Sept. 29/30	Quiz I (Thema 1, Kapitel 1)
Oct. 5/6	Assignment 1 due
Oct. 12	Thanksgiving, no classes
Oct. 20/21	Assignment 2
Nov. 3/4	Quiz II (Thema 2-3, Kapitel 2-3)
Nov. 10/11	Assignment 3
Nov. 24/25	Term Test I (Thema 1-4, Kapitel 1-4), two hours during regular class time
Nov. 26/30	Assignment 4
Dec. 3/7	Composition 1 (150 words), written in class
Dec. 8/9	Last class this term. Topics for oral presentations due. Students will give an oral presentation during the winter term (January to March) on a topic of their choice.

WINTER 2009

Jan. 4	Classes resume
Jan. 6/7	Assignment 5
Jan 18/19	Quiz III (Thema 5-6, Kapitel 5-6)
Jan. 25/26	Assignment 6
Feb. 8/9	Assignment 7
Feb. 15-19	Reading Week, no classes
Feb. 24/25	Term Test II (Thema 5-8, Kapitel 5-8)
March 1/2	Assignment 8
March 8/9	Composition II (200 words), written in class.
March 17/18	Quiz IV (Thema 9, Kapitel 9)
March 22/23	Assignment 9
April 7/8	Last class, Assignment 10 due.

Subject to minor changes.

Assignments consist of “workbook” and “lab manual” sections of the *Student Activities Manual*.

Policies

Attendance is mandatory. After two unexcused absences per semester, students will lose marks. Participation refers to active engagement in class. Students must come to class prepared.

Assignments must be handed in on the due date. No extensions will be given. Late assignments will be accepted, but will be penalized at the rate of 5% per day.

Make-up tests or any other special arrangements will be scheduled only in cases of real emergency. If you are forced to miss a test

or an exam due to illness or a genuine emergency, you should contact your instructor as soon as you know there is a problem. If your excuse is legitimate you will be allowed to write a make-up test, but you will need to provide documentation of your illness or emergency.

Prerequisite: German 1030 or 1030W/X, or Grade 12U German or the former OAC German, or the former German 002 or 002w/x or permission of the Department.

Please Note: You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course prerequisites (or have special permission from your Dean to waive the prerequisite) and that you have not taken an antirequisite course. If you are not eligible for the course, you may be removed from it at any time, and it will be deleted from your record. In addition, you will receive no adjustment to your fees. These decisions cannot be appealed.

Plagiarism: Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage of text from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offense (see Scholastic Offense Policy in the Western Academic Calendar). The University of Western Ontario uses plagiarism checking software. Students may be required to submit their written work in electronic form for plagiarism checking.

Absenteeism

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments must apply to the Academic Counselling office of their home Faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department.

UWO's Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness (<https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm>)
Downloadable Student Medical Certificate (SMC): <https://studentservices.uwo.ca> under the Medical Documentation heading