

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO**  
**Department of Modern Languages and Literatures**

**German 2293A**  
**Language and Contemporary Society**  
**Fall 2009**

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**Course Content and Aims:**

This course is designed to advance the students' proficiency in oral and written German by focussing on the finer points of grammar, vocabulary, and syntax. Language skills will be reinforced through compositions and directed discussions based on the present-day cultural, political, and social concerns of the German-speaking countries.

**Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completion of this course, students are expected to be able to communicate using complex German grammar structures and expressions, to express ideas and emotions in complex sentences and dialogues, to write compositions of several hundred words, to discuss a variety of practical and historical topics, and to understand subtle differences and similarities between German-speaking countries and North America

**Course Structure:**

The course will combine lectures with extensive class discussions. A student's success in this course presupposes continuous effort, regular preparation at home, as well as active participation in the classroom.

**Course Requirements:**

Midterm Exam	30%
3 Quizzes	30%
4 Compositions	20%
4 Written Assignments	10%
Contribution to class discussions	10%

**Required Texts:**

Dippman, Gerda                      *A Practical Review of German Grammar* (2000). Third Edition  
Lixl-Purcell, Andreas                *Rückblick: Texte und Bilder nach 1945* (1995).

Prerequisite(s): German 2200, 2200w/x or the former German 020, 020w/x, 022, 024, or permission of the Department

Constraints: None

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). Plagiarism Checking: The University of Western Ontario uses software for plagiarism checking. Students may be required to submit their written work in electronic form for plagiarism checking.

Prerequisites: Students are responsible for ensuring that their selection of courses is appropriate and accurately recorded and that all course prerequisites have been successfully completed, and that they are aware of any antirequisite course(s) that they have taken. If the student does not have the requisites for a course, the University reserves the right to remove the student from the course and to delete it from the student's record. This decision may not be appealed. A student will receive no adjustment to his or her fees in the event that he or she is dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

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

## **Important Dates:**

September 17	Composition 1 (written in class)*
September 24	Assignment 1
October 1	Quiz 1
October 8	Assignment 2
October 15	Quiz 2
October 22	Composition 2 (written in class)*
October 29	Quiz 3
November 5	Composition 3 (written in class)*
November 12	Midterm Exam
November 19	Assignment 3
November 26	Assignment 4
December 3	Composition 4 (to be handed in)

\*Topics will be provided one week in advance.

## **Textbook: Rückblick**

Sept. 10-18	Teil I
Sept. 21-Oct. 2	Teil II
Oct. 5-16	Teil III
Oct. 19-30	Teil IV
Nov. 2-13	Teil V
Nov. 16-27	Teil VI
Nov. 30-Dec. 9	Teil VII