

Department of Languages and
Cultures
German 2200 section 001

Course outline for 2020/2021



Although this academic year might be different, Western University is committed to a **thriving campus**. We encourage you to check out the [Digital Student Experience](https://www.uwo.ca/dse/) website to manage your academics and well-being. Additionally, the following link provides available resources to support students on and off campus: <https://www.uwo.ca/health/>.

Technical Requirements: stable internet connection, working microphone, computer

Course Overview and Important Sessional Dates:

Delivery Mode	Dates	Time
Online	Mondays & Wednesdays	3:30-5:30

*Details about design and delivery of the course are listed below

Classes Start	Reading Weeks	Classes End	Study day(s)	Exam Period
September 9	November 2 - 8	December 9	December 10	December 11 - 22
January 4	February 13 - 21	April 5	April 6 and 7	April 8 - 30

*November 30, 2020: Last day to drop a full course and full-year half course without penalty

Course Instructor	Contact Information
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Course Description and Design

German 2200 is an intermediate-level course for those with German 1030, Grade 12U German or equivalent, or permission of the department. Students will practice speaking, reading and writing German in a small class setting. They will explore cultural topics through authentic readings, short videos & films, as well as songs. In the process, students will learn about life in the German-speaking countries. The course includes a comprehensive grammar review and prepares students to master more complex texts and discourse situations. The aim is to achieve A2 competency according to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).

Prerequisites: GER1030 or equivalent or permission of the department **Antirequisites:** none

Mode	Dates	Time	Frequency
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Virtual synchronous on Zoom (mandatory)	M/W 3:30-4:20	1 hr.	2 times weekly
Virtual synchronous on Zoom (optional) & asynchronous (mandatory)	M/W 4:30-5:20	1 hr.	2 times weekly

All course material will be posted to OWL: <http://owl.uwo.ca>. Any changes will be indicated on the OWL site (OWL>Announcements) and emailed to the class. Check your Western email.

If students need assistance, they can seek support on the [OWL Help page](#). Alternatively, they can contact the [Western Technology Services Helpdesk](#). They can be contacted by phone at 519-661-3800 or ext. 83800.

[Google Chrome](#) or [Mozilla Firefox](#) are the preferred browsers to optimally use OWL; update your browsers frequently. Students interested in evaluating their internet speed, please click [here](#).

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

- 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 more complex ideas and emotions
- Write complex sentences and short compositions in German
- Understand more challenging reading passages in German
- Discuss a variety of concrete and abstract topics in German
- Use a significantly expanded German vocabulary
- Understand differences & similarities between German-speaking countries & Canada & apply them in various situations
- Have a general idea of the history and culture of the German-speaking countries



Course Content and Schedule (also available on OWL>Calendar)* (subject to minor changes)

Fall 2020	
Sept. 9	Start Thema/Kapitel 1 in <i>Kaleidoskop</i> .
Sept. 28	TEST 1 (Thema/Kapitel 1). SAM 1 due. Start Thema/Kapitel 2.
Oct. 12	Thanksgiving holiday: no classes.
Oct. 19	TEST 2 (Thema/Kapitel 2). SAM 2 due. Start Thema/Kapitel 3.
Nov. 2-8	Fall study break – no classes.
Nov. 11	SAM 3 due. Start Thema/Kapitel 4.
Nov. 30	TEST 3 (Thema/Kapitel 3-4). SAM 4 due. Start Thema/Kapitel 5.
Dec. 9	Last fall term class. Classes resume on Jan. 4. Composition 1 due (250 words)
Winter 2021	
Jan. 4	First winter term class.
Jan. 6	SAM 5 due. Start Thema/Kapitel 6.
Jan. 27	TEST 4 (Thema/Kapitel 5-6). SAM 6 due. Start Thema/Kapitel 7.
Feb. 13-21	Spring reading week: no classes.
Feb. 22	SAM 7 due. Start Thema/Kapitel 8.
March 10	TEST 5 (Thema/Kapitel 7-8). SAM 8 due. Start Thema/Kapitel 9.
March 10	Oral presentation due.
March 31	SAM 9 due. Review.
April 5	Last winter term class. Review. Composition 2 due (250 words).

*[See Western's sessional dates 2020-2021](#)

Course Evaluation. Any deviations will be communicated.

MARK BREAKDOWN

5 Tests

50%

SAMs (upload to OWL)	9%
Preparedness/participation	6%
Oral presentation	5%
2 Compositions (250-words each: upload to OWL)	10%
Final Exam	20%

5 online **chapter tests** will occur on OWL in the 2nd hour of designated days (see schedule): 4:50-5:20 pm.

A 10-minute grace segment will be available 5:20-5:30 pm if students need extra time.

9 SAM Assignments: scan from SAM and submit for assessment (OWL>Assignments) at the end of each unit. Lateness penalty: 5%/day.

Active **participation.** Prepare textbook exercises & readings (OWL> Resources>Textbook Prep.) before class. Review material from previous classes. Read textbook grammar explanations, go over PPTs on OWL>Resources and watch the instructor's grammar videos on OWL>Resources. Prepare reading passages in advance (OWL> Resources>Textbook Reading Passages).

Recorded 5-minute **oral presentation** (PPT with the audio of your voice) on **an aspect of German culture:**

- a place, a custom, food, an activity, history, art (books, paintings etc.), politics, science etc.

- a list of key terms on each slide

- ± 8 minutes

- upload to UWL under Assignments

2 250-word **compositions.** Topics TBA. Upload to OWL>Assignments as a Word file (unlimited submissions)

Final exam: 2 hours on OWL at a designated time in April

Click [here](#) for a detailed and comprehensive set of policies and regulations concerning examinations and grading. The table below outlines the University-wide grade descriptors.

A+	90-100	One could scarcely expect better from a student at this level
A	80-89	Superior work which is clearly above average
B	70-79	Good work, meeting all requirements, and eminently satisfactory
C	60-69	Competent work, meeting requirements
D	50-59	Fair work, minimally acceptable
F	below 50	Fail

Information about late or missed evaluations:

Late writing assignments without illness self-reports will be subject to a late penalty 5 %/day

There are no make-up tests, but if a test is missed **for legitimate reasons**, the value of the missed test will not be counted toward the final grade

Office Hours:

Office hours will be held remotely using Zoom: **Mondays 1:30-2:30**

Students will be able to sign up for an appointment by emailing the instructor.

Resources:

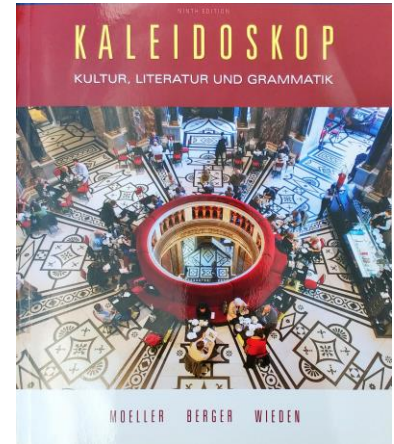
REQUIRED TEXT (available in 1 package at the Western bookstore):

Moeller, J. et al. *Kaleidoskop* 9th Ed. + Student Activities Manual (SAM).

[E-book purchase](#): an alternative to a hard-copy (hard copy recommended: easier to use in class)

[E-book rental](#) (lower price)

[Access to online textbooks in general](#)



Professionalism & Privacy:

Western students are expected to follow the [Student Code of Conduct](#). Additionally, the following expectations and professional conduct apply to this course:

- Students are expected to follow online etiquette expectations provided on OWL
- All course materials created by the instructor(s) are copyrighted and cannot be sold/shared
- Recordings are not permitted (audio or video) without explicit permission
- Permitted recordings are not to be distributed
- Students will be expected to take an academic integrity pledge before some assessments
- All recorded sessions will remain within the course site or unlisted if streamed

How to Be Successful in this Class:

- Students enrolled in this class should understand the level of autonomy and self-discipline required to be successful.
- Invest in a planner or application to keep track of your courses. Populate all your deadlines at the start of the term and schedule time at the start of each week to get organized and manage your time.
- Make it a daily habit to log onto OWL to ensure you have seen everything posted to help you succeed in this class.
- Create and follow weekly checklists to help you stay on track.
- Take notes as you go through the lesson material. Treat this course as you would a face-to-face course. Keeping handwritten notes or even notes on a regular Word document will help you learn more effectively than just reading or watching the videos.
- Connect with others. Try forming an online study group and try meeting on a weekly basis for study and peer support.
- Do not be afraid to ask questions. If you are struggling with a topic, contact your instructor.
- Reward yourself for successes. It seems easier to motivate ourselves knowing that there is something waiting for us at the end of the task.

Western Academic Policies and Statements

Absence from Course Commitments

[Policy on Academic Consideration for Student Absences](#)

In the interest of the health and safety of students and health care providers, you are no longer required to seek a medical note for absences this term. If you are unable to meet a course requirement due to illness you should use the [Illness Reporting Tool](#). This tool takes the place of the need to submit a medical note and the Self-Reported Absence System formally used by undergraduate students.

You are required to self-report every day that you are ill and unable to complete course commitments. Details about when you should submit missed work, the format of the missed work can be found in the Section 7. Evaluation above. Students should communicate promptly with their instructor and use this tool with integrity.

Accommodation for Religious Holidays

The policy on Accommodation for Religious Holidays can be viewed [here](#).

Special Examinations

A Special Examination is any examination other than the regular examination, and it may be offered only with the permission of the Dean of the Faculty in which the student is registered, in consultation with the instructor and Department Chair. Permission to write a Special Examination may be given on the basis of compassionate or medical grounds with appropriate supporting documents. To provide an opportunity for students to recover from the circumstances resulting in a Special Examination, the University has implemented Special Examinations dates. These dates as well as other important information about examinations and academic standing can be found [here](#).

Academic Offenses

"Scholastic offences are taken seriously, and students are directed [here](#) to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence.

Accessibility Statement

Please contact the course instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if you require any other arrangements to make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Accessible Education (AE) at 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation or review [The policy on Accommodation for Students with Disabilities](#).

Correspondence Statement

The centrally administered **e-mail account** provided to students will be considered the individual's official university e-mail address. It is the responsibility of the account holder to ensure that e-mail received from the University at his/her official university address is attended to in a timely manner. You can read about the privacy and security of the UWO email accounts [here](#).

Turnitin and other similarity review software

All assignments will be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. Students will be able to view their results before the final submission. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between Western University and [Turnitin.com](#).

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