

GERM 104 : Elementary German 2/3 - 2007

GERM 104 is a second half-year course of five hours per week, involving one lecture, three language tutorials and one audio-visual class.

COURSE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

GERM 104 presupposes a successful completion of GERM 103 *Introduction to the German Language* (or equivalent comparable to NCEA Level 1 or Level A1 of the European Framework for Language Learning) and teaches the four skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening in an interactive way.

This course will enable students to reach a level comparable to NCEA Level 2-3 or Level A2 of the European Framework for Language Learning. Students who pass the course should

- be able to conduct a simple conversation in German
- be familiar with elementary German grammar (cases, tenses, moods, voices, sentence construction)
- be able to read a range of German texts with the help of a dictionary.

COURSE CONTENT

GERM 104 is based on a varied approach. Classes include textbook work, grammar exercises, conversation practice, pronunciation drills, interactive computer exercises and language games. In addition, students are expected to complete weekly regular homework and to supplement classroom learning with additional work on their own in the Language Learning Centre or in study groups (to be organised by the students themselves with the German intern involved in the course). Students who have completed GERM 104 with a good grade may enrol for GERM 217 in the following year.

STAFF

Dr Monica Tempian (Course Co-ordinator)	Room vZ 614	463-5548
Ms Anke Szczepanski	22 KP, Room 209	463-7497
Ms Dorit Hahn	22 KP, Room 207	463-7441

All teachers are happy to discuss students' problems with them at any time, or to provide additional information about the course. Such information is regularly given in class announcements or posted on the German notice board (Floor 6 of the von Zedlitz building). German staff have no specially designated office hours, but students may make an appointment with the German Administrator at any time, if the staff member they wish to see is unavailable for consultation.

CLASS TIMES AND ROOMS

Lectures (Choose ONE lecture time)				
Lecture 1	Mon	10am – 11am	vZ 515	Dr Tempian
Lecture 2	Mon	12.10pm – 1pm	vZ 106	Dr Tempian
Lecture 3	Mon	1.10pm – 2pm	vZ 515	Dr Tempian

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Language Tutorials (Choose ONE time from EACH of the THREE strands)				
I. Either OR OR	Tue	10am – 11am	MY 103	Ms Dorit Hahn
	Tue	12.10pm – 1pm	vZ 106	Ms Dorit Hahn
	Tue	1.10pm – 2pm	MY 103	Ms Dorit Hahn
II. Either OR OR	Wed	1.10pm – 2pm	MY 103	Ms Dorit Hahn
	Wed	2.10pm – 3pm	MY 107	Ms Dorit Hahn
	Wed	4.10pm – 5pm	vZ 506	Ms Dorit Hahn
III. Either OR OR	Thu	10am – 11am	vZ 509	Ms Szczepanski
	Thu	11am – 12pm	vZ 506	Ms Szczepanski
	Thu	12.10pm – 1pm	vZ 509	Ms Szczepanski

Audio Visual Classes (Choose ONE AV Class)				
Either	Mon	9am - 10am	vZ 011	Ms Szczepanski
OR	Mon	10am – 11am	vZ 011	Ms Szczepanski
OR	Mon	11am – 12pm	vZ 011	Ms Szczepanski

READINGS

Passwort Deutsch 2 Kursbuch (textbook, Edition Klett) and the *Supplementary Material to Passwort Deutsch* will be used in all classes. Students are encouraged to use the *Passwort Deutsch 2 Arbeitsbuch* (workbook with supplementary exercises, Edition Klett) for independent study. Textbook and workbook are available from Victoria Book Centre, the *Supplementary Material to Passwort Deutsch* is available from Student Notes.

Students may also buy a dictionary and a grammar if they wish to, but this is not essential for this course. A recommended grammar is Jenny Russ, *German Grammar* (Teach yourself books) or Christine Stief & Christian Stang, *German Grammar in a Nutshell* available from Victoria Book Centre.

EXPECTED WORKLOAD

In addition to the five class hours, five to eight additional hours per week. This will naturally vary according to the prior knowledge of German and the general language aptitude which the student brings to the course.

ASSESSMENT

GERM 104 is internally assessed. Assessment is by:

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| (a) | Three in-term language tests, held on 30 July, 10 September and 1 October | 60% |
| (b) | Three assignments, due 23 July, 13 August and 24 September | 30% |
| (c) | Oral examination in Week 12, 8-12 October (dates tba) | 10% |

All Assignments must include a cover sheet available from SAELC Reception or Blackboard. Assignments are to be handed in to the German assignment box located to the left of the SAELC Reception area on Level 6 of von Zedlitz.

TESTS

Attendance at all three tests and the oral examination is essential. Failure to attend one of these will automatically result in failing the course. If a student is prevented from attending through exceptional circumstances such as accident, illness or bereavement, an explanation *must* be made, if possible in writing, *prior to the test*. In this case an alternative test date may be arranged. (NB: In case of illness, a medical certificate is required.)

Each test will presume acquaintance with all the material studied prior to that test, i.e. the material covered in all five weekly classes and any written assignments done.

HOMEWORK

In any language course it is essential that students work steadily and consistently throughout. It is not possible to understand and apply the grammar well enough if it is learned by last-minute “cramming”. That is why assessment is by a number of tests and assignments rather than by one major test at the end of the course. Additional homework should be completed each week as it provides the necessary practice in grammar and vocabulary and useful feedback on whether these have been understood and learned. Completed homework can be discussed in tutorials.

MANDATORY COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The minimum course requirements which students must satisfy in order to pass the course are: regular attendance (a minimum of 80% of tutorials and AV-classes), and satisfactory performance in tests and final examination (i.e. a final average of 50% or more). Also, the three assignments set must be completed and handed in on time if the student is to gain Terms. If students are unable to attend a particular class for any reason, it is up to them to find out from someone else what the homework is and the date it is to be submitted by. Such information is normally available on Blackboard. In special circumstances such as illness or bereavement an extension may be granted, but only after consultation with the lecturer or tutor concerned. Unless informed to the contrary, students may assume they have been awarded Terms, i.e. have met the Mandatory Course Requirements.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

We encourage you to take advantage of whatever opportunities occur outside class hours to practise your German: e.g. reading, German films, lectures at the Goethe Society or Goethe Institute, *Kaffeestunde*, the German choir, the student play production, conversations with Germans, etc. We also advise you to use self-access materials provided by the Language Learning Centre (situated on Level 0 of the von Zedlitz Building), including several computer programmes, which deal with all aspects of German grammar and pronunciation.

Remember too that staff are here to help you. Do not feel shy about asking questions in class if you have not understood something. Feel free to tell us what you find most (or least) interesting or useful in the course.

GENERAL UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND STATUTES

**A COPY OF THE GENERAL UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND STATUTES CAN BE FOUND ON BLACKBOARD
FOR THIS COURSE.**

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I M P O R T A N T D A T E S F O R G E R M 1 0 4	
Week 1	09 July – 13 July <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lectures and A/V classes begin on Monday 9 July ▪ Tutorials begin on Tuesday 10 July
Week 2	16 July – 20 July ASSIGNMENT 1 handed out in the Monday lecture
Week 3	23 July – 27 July ASSIGNMENT 1 DUE – Monday 23 July by 2pm
Week 4	30 July – 03 August TEST 1 - Monday 30 July, regular lecture time
Week 5	06 August – 10 August ASSIGNMENT 2 handed out in the Monday lecture
Week 6	13 August – 17 August ASSIGNMENT 2 DUE – Monday 13 August by 2pm
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Week 7	03 September – 07 September
Week 8	10 September – 14 September TEST 2 - Monday 10 September, regular lecture time
Week 9	17 September – 21 September ASSIGNMENT 3 handed out in the Monday lecture
Week 10	24 September – 28 September ASSIGNMENT 3 DUE – Monday 24 September by 2pm
Week 11	01 October – 05 October TEST 3 - Monday 01 October, regular lecture time
Week 12	08 October – 12 October Oral Final Examination - tba

NB: Assignments will be returned at Thursday Tutorials. Tests will be returned within one week of being sat, and can be picked up from the German Administrator located at SAELC Reception, Level 6 of von Zedlitz.