

GERM 218 : German Language 2B

2/3 - 2007

GERM 218 is a Second Trimester course of four hours per week, involving one lecture, two language tutorials and an audio-visual class.

COURSE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

GERM 218 presupposes a pass in either GERM 112 or GERM 217. Students who have completed GERM 217 and 218 may proceed to GERM 315 or GERM 320.

GERM 218 is based on a varied approach. The four language classes are devoted to the development of different but complementary skills and aim to enable students to consolidate the language skills they have already acquired. The Lecture concentrates on revision of the most significant grammar points, the two Tutorials concentrate on the development of reading and aural-oral comprehension and practise strategies for language learning and language use. The audio-visual class is devoted chiefly to the fostering of aural and oral skills by means of discussion texts on a variety of themes as well as cassettes, videos and computer programmes.

Students who pass the course should

- have a good grasp of basic German grammar
- have a good knowledge of German vocabulary pertaining to a number of different word fields
- have an understanding of different styles of German.

TEACHERS

Dr Margaret Sutherland (Course Co-ordinator)	vZ 615	463-5975
Ms Anke Szczepanski	22KP Room 209	463-7497
Ms Dorit Hahn	22KP 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 notice board of the German Programme (Level 6 of the von Zedlitz Building) or on Blackboard.

German staff have no specially designated office hours, but students may make an appointment with the German Administrator, if the staff member they wish to see is unavailable for consultation at any time.

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CLASS TIMES AND ROOMS

Lecture				
either	Monday	10am-11am	vZ 506	Dr Margaret Sutherland
or	Monday	11am-12pm	vZ 506	"
or	Monday	1pm-2pm	vZ 506	"

Language Tutorial I				
either	Tuesday	10am-11am	vZ 509	Ms Szczepanski
or	Tuesday	11am-12pm	vZ 506	"
or	Tuesday	1pm-2pm	vZ 506	"

Language Tutorial 2				
either	Friday	10am-11am	vZ 506	Ms Szczepanski
or	Friday	11am-12pm	vZ 506	"
or	Friday	1pm-2pm	vZ 506	"

Audio-visual Class				
either	Wednesday	9am-10am	vZ 011	Ms Hahn
or	Wednesday	10am-11am	vZ 011	"
or	Wednesday	11am-12pm	vZ 011	"

FIRST MEETING

The first meeting for GERM 218 students takes place on Monday, 9 July in the von Zedlitz Building at

EITHER 10.00 am **OR** 11.00am **OR** 12.00pm in vZ 506

At this meeting the course will be introduced and students divided into their groups for the lectures, two tutorial sections of the course and the audio-visual classes.

Classes will begin on Tuesday, 10 July 2007.

TEXTS

The set texts are: *Themen neu: Zertifikatsband. Kursbuch* (Hueber) and a reference grammar: Christine Stief and Christian Stang, *German Grammar in a Nutshell*.

Students also need to purchase *German Language 2 B. Jede Menge Spaß mit der Grammatik*. This is available from the Students Notes Shop, Student Union Building.

Students should also possess a good dictionary (e.g. *Collins German Dictionary*).

ESTIMATED WORKLOAD

In addition to the four class hours, eleven additional hours per week. This will naturally vary according to the knowledge of German with which the student comes to the course.

ASSESSMENT

GERM 218 is **internally assessed**. Assessment is by:

(a) Two in-term language tests, to be held on:

Friday - August 10 and Friday - October 5 50%

(b) Five written assignments, due on:

20 July, 3 August, 17 August, 21 September and 5 October 30%

(c) End-of-Semester oral examination (10 minutes) 20%

a) The Tests

Attendance at the two tests is essential. Failure to attend a test 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 four weekly classes and any written assignments done.

b) The Assignments

In addition to the two tests, there are 5 assignments based on *Themen neu: Zertifikatsband* and on the grammar and other aspects of German covered in class. The types of assignments set may include translations into English or German, listening exercises, writing of German sentences and/or grammar exercises. To gain maximum marks students must complete all 5 assignments. Failure to hand in an assignment results in a zero mark for that assignment. It is up to students unable to attend a particular class for any reason to find out from someone else what the homework is and the date it is to be submitted by. In special circumstances such as illness or bereavement, an extension may be granted, but only after consultation with the teacher concerned.

Dictionaries and grammars may be used in completing the assignments, but since these count towards the final grade (30%) students must otherwise complete them unaided. Any sign that this is not so will be investigated.

c) Final Oral Exam

This is 10 minutes in length, and students will either be designated a topic by the lecturers or be asked to choose a topic of their own on which to speak and/or may read a passage of their choice. They will then be asked questions in German. The exam is designed to test the student's fluency, grammatical correctness and use of vocabulary in oral German.

MARKING SYSTEM

The University marking system by letter grade is as follows:

A+	85 - 100%
A	80 - 84%
A-	75 - 79%
B+	70 - 74%
B	65 - 69%
B-	60 - 64%
C+	55 - 59%
C	50 - 54%
D	40 - 49% (fail)
E	0 - 39% (fail)

MANDATORY COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The minimum course requirements which must be satisfied in order to pass the course are: attendance at a minimum of 80 % of classes in each of the four sections of the course, and satisfactory completion of the tests, written assignments, and oral examination, as stipulated on p. 3 and 4. Unless notified to the contrary, students may assume they have been awarded Terms, i.e. have met the mandatory course requirements.

GENERAL ADVICE

We want to do our best to make your study of German both profitable and enjoyable. However we can only to a limited extent *teach* you German; more important is your ability and willingness to *learn*. Do 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 Institut, *Kaffeestunde*, the German choir, the student play production, conversations with Germans, and so on. Students are also strongly encouraged 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.

The teachers in GERM 218 are very approachable and are here to *help* you. Do not feel shy about asking questions in or outside 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.**

The name of your School's Disability Liaison Person is:

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR GERM 218

Week 1	09 – 13 July
Week 2	16 – 20 July ASSIGNMENT 1 DUE – 20 July, 4pm
Week 3	23 – 27 July
Week 4	30 July – 03 August ASSIGNMENT 2 DUE – 03 August, 4pm
Week 5	06 – 10 August TEST 1 – 10 August (during tutorial times)
Week 6	13 – 17 August ASSIGNMENT 3 DUE – 17 August, 4pm
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Week 7	03 – 07 September
Week 8	10 – 14 September
Week 9	17 – 21 September ASSIGNMENT 4 DUE – 21 September, 4pm
Week 10	24 – 28 September
Week 11	01 – 05 October TEST 2 – 05 October (during tutorial times) ASSIGNMENT 5 DUE – 5 October
Week 12	08 – 12 October ORAL EXAM (Dates and times to be confirmed)