



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

**GERMAN PROGRAMME
GERM 218: GERMAN LANGUAGE 2B**

20 POINTS

TRIMESTER 2 2014

Important dates

Trimester dates: 14 July to 16 November 2014

Teaching dates: 14 July to 17 October 2014

Mid-trimester break: 25 August to 7 September 2014

Study week: 20–24 October 2014

Withdrawal dates: Refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/withdrawals-refunds. If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination, refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats.

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Staff are available for student consultation at times indicated on their office doors. Alternative times can be arranged by phone or email.

Class times and locations

Four hours per week:

Lectures	Monday	2.10pm – 3.00pm	HMLT001	MS
	Wednesday	1.10pm – 2.00pm	MYLT102	MS

Language Tutorials (Choose ONE time)				
Either	Thursday	2.10pm – 3.00pm	vZ710	AS
OR	Thursday	3.10pm – 4.00pm	vZ710	AS

Audio-Visual Classes (Choose ONE time)				
Either	Tuesday	1.10pm – 2.00pm	vZ011	AS
OR	Tuesday	2.10pm – 3.00pm	vZ011	AS

Please note that tutorials and audio-visual classes start in the **second** week of the trimester.

Students must choose tutorial and audio-visual class groups by signing up using the S-cubed system <https://signups.victoria.ac.nz>. You must remain in your allotted group for the whole course, unless a change is authorised by the Course Coordinator.

Communication of additional information

Additional information will be provided in class and posted on Blackboard.

Prescription

A development of the skills taught in GERM 217, and an advanced study of the subjunctive mood. Special emphasis will be given to the active use of German in both written and spoken form.

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

The learning objectives are aligned to the international standards set by the Common European Reference Framework for Languages (CERF).
Students who pass the course should

1. have a good grasp of German grammar at the Lower Intermediate Level (CEFR), including the subjunctive and the passive voice.
2. have a good knowledge of German vocabulary pertaining to a number of different word fields that enables good written and oral communication and an understanding of a variety of types of texts.
3. be able to conduct a relatively fluent, understandable conversation in German on a variety of topics with a native speaker.

Teaching format

The formal lectures act as a platform to impart to students the most significant grammar points covered in 218, and include explanations of the subjunctive mood. Although these are lectures, students are encouraged to ask questions. The tutorial accentuates the development of reading and aural-oral comprehension. Students are expected to participate actively in the tutorial, as well as in the audio-visual class.

Course content

GERM 218 is a second trimester course of four hours per week, involving two lectures, one language tutorial and an audio-visual class. The course presupposes a pass in GERM 217. Students who have completed GERM 217 and 218 may proceed to GERM 315, GERM 316, GERM 320 and GERM 321.

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 two lectures concentrate on revision of the most significant grammar points, the tutorial concentrates on the development of reading and aural-oral comprehension and practises 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 a variety of print media, computer programmes and visual media. The course content will cover such topics as “Beziehungen”, “Rund ums Produkt”, “Märchen” and “Zukunftspläne”.

Mandatory course requirements

In addition to achieving an overall pass mark of 50%, students must, unless a specific exemption has been approved, satisfy the minimum course requirements in order to pass the course. These are:

1. attendance at a **minimum of 80 %** of classes in **each** of the **four sections** of the course;
2. attendance at the two written tests;
3. submission of written assignments by due date;
4. and attendance at the oral test, as stipulated on p. 4.

Unless notified to the contrary, students may assume they have met the mandatory course requirements.

Workload

The University Assessment Handbook has laid down guidelines as to the number of hours per week which students are expected to devote to a course in order to maintain satisfactory progress. Students enrolling in one trimester, 20-point course should work on average 13 hours per week or approximately 200 hours over the trimester.

In addition to the four class hours per week, students are expected to use the nine additional hours per week for revision, extra practice (e.g. using the extra practice tasks provided by the teachers), skill development (e.g. in the LLC, at a regular “Stammtisch” voluntary conversation group, with a

language buddy or a book!), thoroughly preparing and completing the assignments, and preparing for the written tests and the oral test. Although the study time required to perform successfully in this course will vary according to the student's knowledge of German, please note that all language students benefit from maximum contact with the target language.

Assessment

GERM 218 is **internally assessed**.

Assessment items and workload per item	%	CLO(s)	Due Date
1 Test 1 (50 minutes)	20%	1, 2	Wednesday 20 August in lecture
2 Test 2 (50 minutes)	20%	1, 2	Wednesday 8 October in tutorials
3 Assignment 1 (written)	7%	1, 2	Friday 8 August (4pm)
4 Assignment 2 (written)	7%	1, 2	Monday, 8 September (4pm)
5 Assignment 3 (in-class listening assignment)	6%	1, 2, 3	Tuesday 16 September, in AVs
6 Assignment 4 (8 weekly Reading Tasks)	8%	1, 2	Weeks 3 -9
7 Assignment 5 (4 fortnightly Listening Tasks)	12%	1, 2, 3	Weeks 3 -9
8 Oral Test (10 minutes)	20%	1, 2, 3	Week 12 (tba)

1. Tests

The two language tests are designed to assess the student's familiarity with the material studied prior to the test, in all four classes, ie Lectures, Tutorials and AV Classes. They may contain grammar and vocabulary exercises, reading comprehension and basic writing tasks.

2. Assignments

In addition to the two language tests, students have to complete five assignments. Assignments 1 and 2 will be based on themes and material covered in class. The set tasks may include grammar exercises, reading comprehension, translation or short written compositions. Assignments 3 and 4 are short weekly or fortnightly tasks and are designed to help students to spread their study evenly throughout the course. Assignment 3 is based on reading short stories from the set text of this course, *Die Blaumacherin*, and answering weekly comprehension questions on Blackboard. Assignment 4 consists of fortnightly listening tasks based on different topical audio-visual material and answering comprehension questions on Blackboard. Assignment 5 is an in-class listening assignment set in the AV classes of week 8. (See assessment requirements above.)

3. Oral Test

This will take place in the final week of the trimester. Time to be advised.

Submission and return of work

Tidy presentation of assignments is essential. Work may be typed or neatly handwritten. Crossings-out indicate that a piece of work is still at draft stage. Allow space for corrections: leave a 4-centimetre margin and write on alternate lines or double space if typing. Do not write in pencil.

All assignments must include a cover sheet provided or available from the SLC main office. Assignments are to be handed in to the German assignment slot located to the left of the SLC main office area on the 6th floor of von Zedlitz. Marked work will either be returned in class or be made

available for collection from the SLC main office between the hours of 10am-2pm each day. Please bring your student ID card with you when you come to collect your work.

Extensions and penalties

a) The Tests

Attendance at the two language 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.)

b) The 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 teaching staff concerned.

Students may use dictionaries and grammars to complete the assignments, but since these count towards the final grade (40%), no other help is permissible. Please take careful note of the University's statement on "Academic Integrity and Plagiarism".

Set texts

Die Blaumacherin, Leonhard Thoma (Hueber)

German Grammar in a Nutshell, Christine Stief and Christian Stang

GERM 218 Student Notes *Jede Menge Spaß mit der Grammatik*

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

Texts can be purchased from Vic Books, Ground Floor Easterfield Building, Kelburn Parade. They can also be ordered online at www.vicbooks.co.nz. Orders and enquiries can be emailed to enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz.

Class representative

A class representative will be elected in the first week, and that person's name and contact details will be available to VUWSA, the Course Coordinator and the class. The class representative provides a communication channel to liaise with the Course Coordinator on behalf of students. Class reps will attend a meeting with the Head of School to discuss how your courses are going and to raise any concerns or suggestions that they may have. You can find out more information on Class Representatives on the VUWSA website: www.vuwsa.org.nz.

Students may like to write the Class Rep's name and details in this box:

Class Rep name and contact details:

Student feedback

Response to feedback for this course will be discussed in class or delivered via Blackboard.

Student feedback on University courses may be found at

www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php.

Other important information

The information above is specific to this course. There is other important information that students must familiarise themselves with, including:

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism
- Aegrotats: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats
- Academic Progress: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin
- Grades: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades
- Resolving academic issues: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications
- Special passes: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy
- Student support: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support
- Students with disabilities: www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability
- Student Charter: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter
- Student Contract: www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract
- Subject Librarians: <http://library.victoria.ac.nz/library-v2/find-your-subject-librarian>
- Turnitin: www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin
- University structure: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure
- Victoria graduate profile: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/graduate-profile
- VUWSA: www.vuwsa.org.nz

Language Learning Centre (LLC)

The Language Learning Centre (LLC) is the University's technology-rich, multimedia centre supporting language learning.

At the LLC you can practise and extend your language learning. You can:

- Find materials to support your language studies, including dictionaries, textbooks and graded readers.
- Study independently using language learning software, audio material and DVDs.
- Find a welcoming environment with services and events, and onsite assistance and support for languages
- Become a Language Buddy or find a conversation group.

Visit the LLC on Level 0, von Zedlitz Building and take a look at our website www.victoria.ac.nz/llc/.

Course programme

D A T E S F O R G E R M 2 1 8	
Week 1	14 July FIRST MEETING on Monday, 14 July during lecture time CLASSES BEGIN on Wednesday, 16 July with the first formal lecture There will be NO tutorials or audio-visual classes in the first week
Week 2	21 July LISTENING TASK 1 available
Week 3	28 July LISTENING TASK 1 due on Friday (1 August), midnight READING TASK 1 due on Sunday (3 August), midnight
Week 4	4 August ASSIGNMENT 1 due on Friday (8 August), 4pm READING TASK 2 due on Sunday (10 August), midnight LISTENING TASK 2 available
Week 5	11 August LISTENING TASK 2 due on Friday (15 August), midnight READING TASK 3 due on Sunday (17 August), midnight
Week 6	18 August TEST 1 - Wednesday, 20 August, in lecture READING TASK 4 due on Sunday (24 August), midnight LISTENING TASK 3 available
Mid-trimester Break	(25 August to 7 September 2014) LISTENING TASK 3 due on Friday (5 September), midnight READING TASK 5 due on Sunday (7 September), midnight
Week 7	8 September ASSIGNMENT 2 due on Monday (8 September), 4pm READING TASK 6 due on Sunday (14 September), midnight LISTENING TASK 4 available
Week 8	15 September IN-CLASS LISTENING ASSIGNMENT – Tuesday (16 September) in A/V times LISTENING TASK 4 due on Friday (19 September), midnight READING TASK 7 due on Sunday (21 September), midnight
Week 9	22 September READING TASK 8 due on Sunday (28 September), midnight
Week 10	29 September
Week 11	6 October TEST 2 – Wednesday, 8 October, during tutorial times
Week 12	13 October ORAL TEST – dates & times tba

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 student play production, conversations with Germans, participation in the “Stammtisch” conversation group 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 staff in GERM218 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.