Elementary German II
Syllabus Spring 2012

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**Course description:** In Elementary German II you will continue to learn the basics of German. On the one hand the course is focused on every-day communication skills you need when traveling through a German-speaking country. On the other hand we will start to talk – although in a simplified way - about general topics. The course will use a communicative methodology – you will have many opportunities to speak German and not only memorize vocabulary. Our textbook will be “Deutsch heute”. At the end of the semester you should know the grammar and the language capabilities, which are the learning goals of this book (especially chapters 7-12). We will also watch one German movie.

**Grading policy**

| Class participation/attendance: | 20% |
| Vocabulary quizzes (2):        | 20% |
| Mid-term:                      | 20% |
| Final:                         | 40% |

**Schedule of classes**

**Week 1**
13 February  -  Overview of course; Review: The present tense
15 February  -  Review: Nominative, dative, accusative; The family

**Week 2**
20 February  -  Chap.6: Review: The present perfect tense; Clothing
22 February  -  Chap.7: Two-way prepositions; Houses and apartments

**Week 3**
27 February  -  Chap.7: The words hin + her; Traveling by train
29 February  -  Chap.7: Time expressions; Housework and chores

**Week 4**
5 March      -  Chap.7: Da-compounds, wo-compounds; Indirect questions
7 March      -  Chap.8: Ordinal numbers; Vocabulary quiz I (Chap. 6+7)
Week 5
12 March - Chap.8: The genitive case; Genetive prepositions
14 March - Chap.8: Adjective endings; Stating wants and desires

Week 6
19 March - Chap.9: Reflexive verbs, reflexive pronouns; Body and health
21 March - Chap.9: Infinitives with zu; Switzerland

Week 7
26 March - Chap.9: Comparative and superlative; Political life
28 March - Midterm test (Chap.6-9)

Week 8
2 April - Chap.10: Uses of als, wenn, and wann; Music and theatre
4 April - Chap.10: The simple past tense; German political parties

Week 9 - SPRING BREAK - NO CLASSES

Week 10
16 April - Chap.10: Strong verbs in the simple past; German history since 1945
18 April - Chap.10: The past perfect tense; Dates

Week 11
23 April - Chap.11: The future tense; The European Union; Professions
25 April - Chap.11: The würde-construction; Vocabulary quiz II (Chap.8-10)

Week 12
30 April - Chap.11: Present-time subjunctive; Using the phone
2 May - Chap.11: Conditional sentences; The past subjunctive; Apprenticeship

Week 13
7 May - Chap.12: Relative clauses; Foreigners in Germany
9 May - Chap.12: The passive voice; The multicultural society

Week 14
14 May - Chap.12: man as a substitute for the passive voice; Renting a car
16 May - Review

Week 15
21 May - Final exam