Intermediate German I  
Syllabus Spring 2012

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Course description: Intermediate German I is intended to develop your communication, writing, and argumentation skills in the German language. The course consists of four parts: reading, discussion, grammar, vocabulary. You will read and discuss short texts of various genres and you will receive several short composition assignments. According to the demands of the students we will review grammar topics of the elementary German level. We will use assorted articles, passages, grammar presentations, and practice activities from various books, textbooks, and magazines. There will be two tests on the grammar and the language capabilities, which are topics of this course. We will also watch one or two German movies.

Grading policy

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Schedule of classes

**Week 1**
13 February  - Overview of course
15 February  - The Present Perfect Tense (Review); The human body

**Week 2**
20 February  - The Passive Voice; als/wenn/wann; Hobbies
22 February  - The Passive with Modal Verbs; Ecology; Idioms with machen

**Week 3**
27 February  - Acc./Dat./Gen.- Prepositions (Review); Giving directions; Sports
29 February  - Two-Way Prepositions; Talking about food

**Week 4**
5 March      - Reflexive Verbs, Reflexive Pronouns; The European Union
7 March      - Infinitives with/without “zu”; The German way of life
Week 5
12 March  -  Der-Words/ Ein-Words; Being a student in Germany
14 March  -  The verbs scheinen/brauchen; Smokers and non-smokers

Week 6
19 March  -  Prepositions as Verbal Compliments; The Turkish minority in Germany
21 March  -  Da-Compounds/Wo-Compounds; Professions

Week 7
26 March  -  The preposition bei; Characteristics; Wanting x to do y
28 March  -  Midterm test

Week 8
2 April   -  The Conditional Subjunctive (Present Tense); Writing a CV
4 April   -  The Conditional Subjunctive (Past Tense); German politics since 1949

Week 9  -  SPRING BREAK  -  NO CLASSES

Week 10
16 April  -  Adjectives with Prepositional Compliments; Berlin and Berlins
18 April  -  Relative Pronouns; Franz Kafka and Prague

Week 11
23 April  -  The Past Perfect Tense; The verb lassen; Clichés, stereotypes
25 April  -  Weak Noun Declensions; The verb schaffen; Talking about the weather

Week 12
30 April  -  Coordinating Conjunctions; Two-Part Conjunctions; Happiness
2 May     -  Subordinating Conjunctions; ob vs. wenn; Living in a city

Week 13
7 May     -  Noun Genders; Adverbs of time; The internet
9 May     -  The Special Subjunctive; Adjectives of time; Metric units

Week 14
14 May    -  Flavoring Particles; Ecology and pollution
16 May    -  Review

Week 15
21 May    -  Final exam