

WESTERN UNIVERSITY

Department of Modern Languages and Literatures

German 1030: German for Beginners
2016 – 17

Course Coordinator: Anne Lausch (alausch@uwo.ca)

Practice speaking, understanding, reading and writing German in a dynamic class setting. Begin to develop your communicative and intercultural skills while learning interesting and useful things about the German-speaking countries.

Course Content and Aims:

German 1030 is an introductory course designed for students with little or no prior knowledge of German. The course is structured to link language instruction to a general understanding of life in the German-speaking countries. **German for Beginners** concentrates on high-frequency vocabulary and basic grammar. Students learn to use the language through active classroom participation, homework assignments, and independent work with online resources. Many aspects of German culture will be introduced through authentic materials including short films, ads, songs etc.

Successful students may progress to German 2200 (Intermediate German) next year, as well as to the German modules offered at Western. Students with Grade 12U German or equivalent are normally expected to register in German 2200 right away and must consult the department before registering in German 1030. If you already speak some German, please consult the course coordinator or your instructor.

Learning Outcomes:

It is expected that upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to do the following:

- x Pronounce German correctly
- x understand German when spoken slowly and clearly, using familiar words and phrases
- x u

- x Contact Hours:
- x 2 two-hour class meetings per week. Attendance is mandatory.

Text: (available at the Western Book Store)

Required: Treffpunkt Deutsch bundle with MyGermanLab access
or MyGermanLab access only.

*The package contains the "Treffpunkt Deutsch" textbook and an online access code to MyGermanLab. MyGermanLab includes an e-textbook, so some students will be fine with the on-line access only. Students need to bring the textbook (or e-textbook) to every class. Access to MyGermanLab is required for all students to complete online assignments and other activities.

Recommended: English Grammar for Students of German

*Not everybody needs this book, but many students, especially those who are "grammatically challenged", have found it very useful. If you tend to feel confused about grammar you should pick it up. Most students are fine with just the regular course package.

Mark Breakdown:

Active participation in class		10 %
Online assignments		10 %
Journal		8 %
2 oral tests	(4 + 5%)	9 %
Oral presentation	(2 nd term)	5 %
Six chapter quizzes	(6 x 3%)	18 %
Term Test (two hours, during December exam period)		10 %

