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- Office hours: by appointment
and/or Thursday 5 pm German department
- Class Times: TTh: 6.10 – 7.30 pm
- Location: T BH-211 TH BH-211 CAC
- Texts: Instructor prepared handouts
German-English Dictionary
- Course objective: This course develops the reading skills for students who wish to acquire a basic competence in the German language for research purpose. Texts read in class and at home are chosen from the humanities, the natural sciences, and the social sciences.
- This course does not serve as a prerequisite for German 131 or 132 !***
- Requirements: In order to improve reading skills in a foreign language, you need to constantly expand your vocabulary and be exposed to a variety of texts from different disciplines. Your requirement for this class will include daily homework assignments such as studying the vocabulary, applying the new structures in exercises, and reading sample texts. Homework assignments are therefore due on the day that they are listed in your syllabus or mentioned in class. Late homework assignments will not be accepted for credit. Each chapter begins with explanations and examples of the grammar, and is followed by corresponding exercises and a sample reading. Class time will be used to discuss the exercises and to explain typical problems found in the different sentences and texts.
- Attendance: All students must attend regularly and arrive prepared; if you expect to miss one or two classes, please use the University absence reporting website <https://sims.rutgers.edu.ssr/> to indicate the date and Reason for your absence. An email is automatically sent to me. Those who miss more than two class sessions without a compelling excuse (a doctor's or college dean's note, e.g.) should expect a one-step reduction in the course grade (i.e. an A becomes a B+, a B+ becomes a B). Three late arrivals count as one absence. Note: It is the responsibility of students who have been absent (for any reason) to find out what they have missed and obtain materials that may have been handed out.
- Grading: The following grading scale pertains only to students who meet the attendance requirements described above.
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| Class participation: | 10% |
| Homework: | 20% |

Written exams/quizzes/essays: 40%
Final written exam: 30%

A 90 – 100
B+ 85 - 89
B 80 - 84
C+ 75 - 79
C 70 - 74
D 65 - 69
F 64

Miscellaneous: You will be charged a nominal fee (5 cent per copy) for supplemental copies (syllabi, quizzes, and tests not included)

Cell Phones: Cell phones and all other technological devices (beepers, iPods, MP3players...) must be turned off during class out of respect for the instructor and fellow students. Please schedule all important phone communications outside of class time.

Academic Integrity: Violations of academic integrity are an extremely serious matter, and can lead to a student's failing the course and being referred to the University's Office of Student Conduct for disciplinary action. When referring to ideas other than your own, always acknowledge your sources clearly and completely, whether you are quoting or paraphrasing. Note also that use of online translation services is not permitted as a tool for generating work that you submit for course credit. Please see the University's policies on academic integrity at <http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/>, and discuss with your instructor any questions you may have about this and related issues.

Disability Support Service: Students who may be requesting accommodations due to disabilities are encouraged to familiarize themselves with procedures and policies regarding disability support services at the following website: <http://disabilityservices.rutgers.edu/>. It is recommended that students seeking accommodations begin filing paperwork as soon as possible as the documentation review process may take up to 30 business days. Students are encouraged to speak with teachers about these issues at the beginning of the term. All such conversations will be kept strictly confidential.

		Homework & Tests
01.19.	Introduction Read and explain reading techniques E-Mail list Explain syllabus	
01.24.	Complete exercises with the missing words. Is the text understood without those words? Poems using nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives etc.	Reading 2 a,b
01.26.	Common German public signs Subject – Verb agreement; pronoun ‘man’ Determine given grammar points Sentence structure Separable verbs	
01.31.	Pronomen – poem German letters for job application Sentences with all the German tenses	Zeit On-line USA wollen Europa helfen
02.02.	Reading – Inflation with pre- and post reading exercises Cartoons	Euro und DM
02.07.	Nouns and adjectives Sentences Text “Der feine Unterschied”	Reading 3, a, b
02.09.	‘Die Sonate’ Pre- and post reading exercises ‘Karibischen Inseln’	Wirtschaftsartikel
02.14.	Lead-in - job advertisements German resumes Which application fits the advertisement Determine the key elements	Hoeness: Keine Transfers im Winter
02.16.	Plural of nouns – identification of singular and plural forms Negation: Cartoons & text	Job advertisements
02.21.	‘Migration’ (very long text) Pre- and post reading exercises	Reading 4, a,b
02.23.	Cookbooks Articles about what German eat, where, how, how much ‘Oskar Schindler’ Pre-reading exercises	Wine advertisements

02.28.	'Oskar Schindler' Post-reading exercises Questions on the content	Reading 5 a, b
03.01.	'Das Ansehen der Berufe' 'Brauchen wir Europa'	Ungeliebter Reformier
03.06.	'Die modern Welt' 'Engels: Die Geschichte der arbeitenden Klassen in England.'	Uwe Seeler wird 75
03.08.	Grammar review	Readings
03.10.-03.18.	SPRING BREAK	
03.20.	'Stockhausen: Die Entstehung der Musik' 'Bultmann: Das mythische Weltbild'	Mädchenmusik
03.22.	'Alle Messungen sind Schätungen'	Readings
03.27.	'Bach und H132ndel' 'Placebo'	Bayern-Magazin
03.29.	'Briefwechsel'	Readings
04.03.	'Einteilung der Geschichte' 'Freud: Totem und Tabu'	Sport
04.05.	'Die Juden in Deutschland heute' 'Die 50er Jahre'	Readings
04.10. & 04.12.	Germany trip – take home tests	'Deutsche an der Spitze' Car Testing
04.17.	'Homosexualität in der Antike' 'Statistik'	Readings
04.19.	'Sicherheitsschloß' 'Schönberg: was Musik zu sagen hat'	Cartoons
04.24.	'Warum ein Schiff schwimmt'	Readings
04.26.	'Falsch programmiert' 'Schopenhauer: Nach dem Tode' 'Bedienungshinweise: Projektor'	Readings
04.30 Mo	Semester end	
05.03	8 pm-11 pm final	