

Elementary German II - Course Introduction

Elementary German II, a continuation of Elementary German I, is a four-skill language course in which students continue to develop listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in German and an understanding of German culture. This course prepares students for Intermediate German. In Fall 2017, the three sections of UN1102 are as follows:

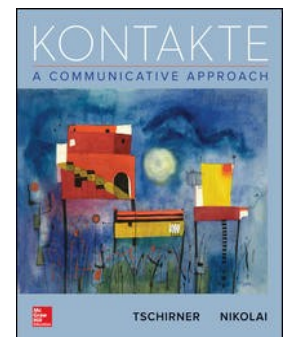
Section	Instructor	Day/Time Location
UN1102-001	Michael Watzka	TRF 1:10-2:25pm TBA Hamilton Hall
UN1102-002	Amy Leech	TRF 2:40-3:55pm TBA Hamilton Hall
UN1102-003	Niklas Strätker	TR 6:10-8:00pm TBA Hamilton Hall

Required Texts: Kontakte: A Communicative Approach. Terrell/Tschirner/Nikolai. 8th Edition, 2017.

Course policies and requirements:

German language students are expected to attend and complete class work from day one of class. Students **MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE** and have completed all course work for weeks one and two at very latest Thurs. Sept. 14 for 2-day classes or Fri. Sept. 15 for 3-day classes.

There will be **NO NEW ADMITS** to German language classes in Week 3 of the Semester!



For all questions about the courses contact [Jutta Schmiers-Heller](#), Language Program Director.
Registration information: [Columbia Online Directory Fall 2016 German](#)

Class attendance is a formal component of all German language courses. Frequent or extended absences impede development of oral/aural skills and directly influence in-class performance. Any student who misses class (for any reason) should inform the instructor in advance, make up, and hand in all work. No grade will be awarded for late work, but work will be corrected as part of the student's overall record. Regular attendance is absolutely necessary in language classes. Missed deadlines count as zero. More than one week of absence automatically lowers the grade for classwork. Excused absences require a note from the student's class dean. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to find out what material was covered during your absence and to keep up with the current assignments and classroom materials.

Course Goals

Upon completion of German UN1102, students who have attended classes regularly and successfully completed all assignments and ALL exams (with a minimum grade of B) should be able to:

- provide basic information in German about themselves, families, interests, likes and dislikes, daily activities;

- understand and participate in a simple conversation on everyday topics (e.g., weather, meeting people, school, shopping, etc.);
- read both edited and unedited texts on familiar topics and on topics of cultural interest in contemporary Germany with the focus being to understand the main ideas, and pick out important information from "authentic texts" (e.g.: newspaper articles, emails and websites, excerpts from short stories, etc.);
- fill in forms requesting information, write letters, notes, post cards, or messages providing simple information, but also write short essays expressing opinions, describing, narrating, and supporting arguments;
- provide information about German-speaking countries (e.g., geography, weather, du/Sie distinction, customs);
- work with scenes from contemporary and classical German cinema (including a full-length feature film);
- use and understand a range of essential vocabulary related to everyday life, school and university, travel situations and European geography, interpersonal relations, interview situations, plus a growing number of strategic concepts essential to expressing opinions and supporting arguments, and
- pronounce German with increasing sense of differentiation, as well as produce German with a level of grammatical accuracy that makes students comprehensible to a German speaker accustomed to speaking with non-natives. The goal is to be able to say clearly what one can say and not have to give up just because a specific word or form remains out of grasp.

Course Policies and Requirements:

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Quizzes are prepared by individual instructors and administered at his/her discretion; they may be announced or unannounced. Quizzes evaluate how well students have mastered vocabulary and structures and point out areas of strength and weakness; these scores are part of your class work grade. The dates of all chapter tests (each test = 5% of overall grade) can be found in the syllabus. Each test emphasizes the material contained in the chapter and may include: listening comprehension, vocabulary, grammar, reading comprehension, and writing. There will be no make-up tests. **DO NOT MISS TESTS!**

Homework assignments include written assignments as well as exercises and activities to prepare for oral presentation during class. Oral preparation is just as important as all written work and will greatly improve your ability to participate during class. Completing your homework and handing it in on time is an important part of your learning process. Instructors are under no obligation to accept late homework assignments, be if they do, your homework will be corrected but count as zero

Essays will be written about every two weeks. Students are expected to write a coherent text (150 - 200 words for German 1102) on an assigned topic. You should use vocabulary and structures you have learned and practiced in class. This is an opportunity to demonstrate how well you can use the language that you are learning; there is no need for extensive use of the dictionary to find new vocabulary words! Under no circumstances should essays be written by anyone but yourself. Essays will be graded on 1) comprehensibility, 2) quality of the content/information, 3) use of familiar vocabulary, and 4) grammatical accuracy. Each essay will be written twice. On version one, students receive comments about content and

grammatical errors. The second version should incorporate the instructor's suggestions and the appropriate corrections. The final essay grade will be an average of both grades. The course grade is based on:

The course grade is based on:	Percentage:	Note
Class work (attendance, participation)	20%	Missing more than one week of instruction lowers grade for class participation.
Homework (written, lab web)	15%	Homework, lab and web work due on assigned date and will not be graded if late.
Chapter tests	25%	No make-up quizzes/tests. Missed quiz/test grade is 0.
Essays	15%	All essays must be submitted on the due date. No late work accepted.
Oral final	5%	Will take place during the written exam.
Written final	20%	Students must pass final exam to pass course!

NOTE: Please note that class work, homework, and the essays make up 50% of your final grade. Receiving a good grade or passing the class is not just based on doing well on the chapter tests and the final exam.

German Studies

Direct questions about language courses German at Columbia to Jutta Schmiers-Heller, 403A Hamilton Hall, x44824 (js2331@columbia.edu); Barnard students contact Prof. Motyl, 320c Millbank Hall, x44287 (imotyl@barnard.edu). To major or concentrate in German, contact Prof. Stefan Andriopoulos, 418 Hamilton Hall, x45344 (sa610@columbia.edu). For further information on the department, go to: [Columbia German Undergraduate](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/german/) ((<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/german/>))

Deutsches Haus

Deutsches Haus (420 W. 116 St.) is a center for academic, cultural, and social exchange. Programs and events include lectures, films, conferences, recitals, art exhibits, and gatherings like the weekly Kaffeestunde. All levels of German students are encouraged to attend events which provide students with a great opportunity to practice speaking German. Visit [Deutsches Haus online](#).

Elementary German V1101

Täglicher Plan Frühling 2017
2 Tage pro Woche
(English/German Key below)

1. Woche (5. - 8. September) - For Vocabulary see German-Englisch Key below.	
Montag	Labor Day: Kein Unterricht am Montag
1. Tag	Einführung; Sich kennenlernen; Wiederholung Kapitel 1-2
2. Tag	Wiederholung Kapitel 3-4
2. Woche (11. - 15. September) NOTE: Friday, September 15 is End of Change of Program Period and the ABSOLUTE Last Day to Add a Class for Fall 2017. Students MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE at latest on Friday, September 2017.. NO NEW ADMITS to German language classes in Week 3!	
1. Tag	Wiederholung Kapitel 5-6
2. Tag (ABSOLUTE last day to add class - Students must be in attendance TODAY)	REVIEW TEST Kapitel 1 - 6
3. Woche (18. – 22. September) NO NEW STUDENTS in Week 3	
1. Tag	Kapitel 7 (S. 240-250; [W260A]; 262-267; 270-271)
2. Tag	Kapitel 7 (S. 251-256; [W260B]; 268-269)
4. Woche (25. – 29. September)	
1. Tag	Kapitel 7 (S. 256-257; [W261A/B]; 268-269) Video zum Kapitel 7; Wiederholung
2. Tag	Wiederholung; TEST KAPITEL 7
5. Woche (2. - 6. Oktober)	
1. Tag	Aufsatz Kapitel 7 - Abgabe Kapitel 8 (S. 274-284; [W297A/B-298A]; 299-304)
2. Tag	Kapitel 8 (S. 286 -288; [W298B]; W-Quiz; 305); Video: Bella Martha

6. Woche (9. -13. Oktober)	
1. Tag	Kapitel 8 (S. 291-294; 306-307); Wiederholung; Videoecke
2. Tag	Wiederholung; TEST KAPITEL 8
7. Woche (16. - 20. Oktober)	
1. Tag	Aufsatz Kapitel 8 – Abgabe Kapitel 9 (S. 308-314; [W332A/B]; 334-337)
2. Tag	Kapitel 9 (S. 316-324; [W332A/B]; [W-Quiz]; 338-340)
8. Woche (23. – 27. Oktober) (English/German Key)	
1. Tag	Kapitel 9 (S. 323; 340-341); Videoecke: 330-331; Wiederholung
2. Tag	Wiederholung; TEST KAPITEL 9
9. Woche (30. Oktober – 3. November)	
1. Tag	Aufsatz Kapitel 9 - Abgabe Kapitel 11 (S. 378-383; [W400A/B]; 403-405)
2. Tag	Kapitel 11 (S. 383-386); [401-02A/B]; 405-407)
10. Woche (6. – 10. November)	
Montag/Dienstag	Academic Holiday/Wahltag – Kein Kurs
1. Tag	Kapitel 11 (S. 389-393; [W401 A/B]; 407-409); Kapitel 11 (S. 393-395; [W400B]; W); Wiederholung
11. Woche (13. – 17. November)	
1. Tag	Aufsatz Kapitel 11 - Abgabe Wiederholung; TEST KAPITEL11
2. Tag	Im Juli
12. Woche (20. – 23. November)	
1./(2.) Tag	Im Juli
Donnerstag/Freitag	Thanksgiving/Academic Holiday – Kein Kurs
13. Woche (27. November – 1. Dezember) (English/German Key)	

1. Tag	Im Juli, Kulturprojekte
2. Tag	Im Juli, Kulturprojekte
14. Woche (4. – 8. Dezember)	
1. Tag	Im Juli, Kulturprojekte
2. Tag	Im Juli; Wiederholung
15. Woche (11. Dezember) – Only for classes who meet on Mondays.	
1. Tag	Wiederholung
Woche des Examens	
Montag, 18. Dezember	Mündliches und schriftliches Abschlussexamen: Traditionally, German language exams for Section 3 takes place on the Monday of Exam week from 4:10-7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars, but note: Exact Exam Dates / Places are not published by the University until after midterms.

Key: German –English

Deutsch	English
Tägliche Aufgaben, Hausaufgaben	daily assignments, including pages covered
Themen	topics covered in this chapter
Woche	week
Einführung	introduction
Seite [S.]	page [indicated in brackets]
Wortschatz [W.]	vocabulary [indicated with W in brackets]
A/B	A=left column; B=right column
Hörverständnis	listening comprehension
in Klasse	in class
oben	top
unten	bottom
HAU [Hausaufgabe]	homework
Kein Unterricht/Kurs	no class

Wortschatzquiz	vocabulary quiz
Kapitel	chapter
Test Kapitel 7-11	test on chapter indicated on this date only
Wiederholung	review
Aufsatz	essay (due on this date)
Mündliches und schriftliches Abschlußexamen	oral and written final exams (tba)