



BELLEVUE COLLEGE
Arts & Humanities
World Languages Department
Germ& 121 – German I
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(Please allow a minimum of 24 hours turn-around time for any e-mail responses.)

REQUIRED MATERIAL:

1. *Treffpunkt Deutsch Pearson/Prentice Hall*, 6th edition
Textbook (always bring to class) ISBN: 0205782787 (hardcopy) or ISBN-13: 978-0-205-00844-5 (loose-leaf).
2. MyGermanLab (24-month access) includes eText but no Physical book: ISBN 0205784879
3. Alternative Bundle:
Textbook (hardbound) w/24-month MyGermanLab access: ISBN 0205873324
Textbook (loose-leaf) w/24 month MyGermanLab access ISBN-13: 978-0-205-01558-0
4. Sign-up on www.wordchamp.com (Do not pay any joining fees, rather invite me as a friend)

OPTIONAL MATERIAL:

1. English Grammar for German Learning Students by C. Zorach (A correlation to our textbook is available online:
http://www.oliviahill.com/pdf/german/G5_treFDeutsch.pdf
(If this link is iffy, try the next one and click on “Treffpunkt Deutsch”:
<http://www.oliviahill.com/student/german/correlations.php>
2. Check out this website from a former student: <http://testmoz.com/class/359>
3. ”How to study” by Ron Fry, 6th ed. published by Thomson 2005
4. German-English dictionary (usually not necessary)

INTERESTING SITES TO LOOK AT:

<http://www.pdictionary.com/german/>
<http://www.wordreference.com>
www.languageguide.org
<http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/german/grammar/grammar.htm>

COURSE CONTENT: Erste Kontakte & Kapitel 1-4 (See the daily calendar for specifics.)

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Generally:

- To acquaint you with the language and culture of the German speaking world and thereby enable you to develop an appreciation and critical stance toward your own.
- To help you acquire better study habits.
- To prepare you for an increasingly interdependent world, where the knowledge of different languages and cultures will be necessary.

Specifically:

- To teach you the basics of the German language, including: comprehension, speaking, reading, writing and cultural awareness and appreciation.
- **At the end of this quarter**, you will have acquired basic vocabulary, and you will be able to form simple yet well-constructed sentences, read brief descriptive paragraphs, and easily deduct the main idea or “gist” without recurring to mental translation. You will be able to distinguish and correctly produce new sounds by recognizing words, phrases, and sentences spoken to you. You should be able to react and reply accordingly, if not always correctly.

LEARNING DISABILITY AND/OR MEDICAL CONDITION



If you have medical information to share with me in the event of an emergency, please contact me via email or come to see me during office hours. Emergency preparedness is important!

If you need course modifications / adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, I can refer you to our Disability Resource Center (DRC).

website at



If you prefer, you may contact them directly by going to B132 or by calling 425.564.2498 or TTY 425.564.4110. Information is also available on their <http://bellevuecollege.edu/drc/>

Remarks:

Please read the Arts & Humanities Division Policy: <http://bellevuecollege.edu/ArtsHum/policy.html>

Classroom rules and procedures are set up with student’s learning in mind. They are there to create the best learning environment for everybody in order to make successful learning possible. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns you might have regarding this class.


COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Attendance:

Attendance is mandatory. Attending class and participating actively are perhaps the most important ways in which students can set themselves up for success. Conversely, not attending class almost certainly leads to failure. I wish to emphasize that any absence undermines your progress and will result in your having to work harder to catch up.

- You get two (2) points for being in class each day. If you come late or are leaving early one point will be subtracted. If you miss 2 weeks or more (10 days) of the quarter your final quarter grade will drop one full letter grade. These 9 days are **for discretionary as well as emergency absences**.
- Please be on time. If you can't attend, get your assignments from one of your classmates and check mybcc for new postings.
- If your instructor is sick, please check the mybcc.net site and/or your Bellevue College e-mail account for any instructions while she is absent.

Homework:

- Homework includes: studying and reviewing English-German vocabulary regularly.
 - Homework is assigned in class as well as online.
 - Other homework is either corrected in class without a grade, checked off in class, or it's collected to be corrected and graded.
 - Workbook assignments are due online at the assigned times. No exceptions!
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- You get full-credit for completing workbook and lab assignments.
 - Homework keeps you up to date with the daily material in class and helps you master German.
- Few students have ever gotten better by doing nothing. As a matter of fact, any of us seldom learn without making mistakes. The workbook and the lab manual is there for you to make mistakes and learn from them. If the workbooks aren't complete, you will possibly lose a lot of points! The goal is for you to learn as much as you can. That is what you get credit for.

Confucius says: “Learn as though you would never be able to master it; Hold it as if you were in fear of losing it.”

Tests:

- We will have a test after each chapter.
- Tests cover all grammatical structures and new words you have learned as well as listening comprehension exercises.

Web assignments:

If you need extra exercises beyond the textbook and the workbook please go to the website that goes along with the book: <http://www.prenhall.com/treffpunkt>

Quizzes:

- We will have 2 quizzes for each chapter. Please refer to the daily calendar for specifics.

Make-up, missing class, and Student Responsibility:

- **NO MAKE-UP** tests or quizzes will be provided. (One of the first three (3) chapter tests will be thrown out at the end of the quarter as well as one of your lowest quiz scores.)
- You're expected to keep up with the curriculum when you are gone.
- It is the student's responsibility, not the instructor's, to initiate communication about progress or concerns with the course. Instructors are under no obligation to inform students that work is overdue, to nag students to complete assignments, or to call students who fail to attend class. Similarly, students need to keep themselves informed about syllabus changes that may have been made in class. I suggest finding a partner the first week of classes and keeping each other up to date if one is absent.
- Students enroll in this class for the experience of learning German. One of those experiences is learning to meet obligations and commitments, which in a course, is in part met via the fulfillment of deadlines among other things. Students submit assignments or work by the deadlines asked of teachers and teachers return work with appropriate feedback or assessment to students.

Extra credit

- Extra credit is built into the assignments.
- You might be able to get at the most 20 optional homework points when watching a German movie. Please see online instructions under mybcc.net. This, however, only applies to those students who haven't missed 10 or more days of the quarter.

Tutoring

- Bellevue College offers tutoring in the academic success center in D 204. You are able to see a tutor for free for a total of 2 hours a week.
- Students who have a C grade on their first test will be required to make an appointment with the tutor. Bring your tests, quizzes, and any other assignments along with you. Here is the info for tutoring as it becomes available: <http://bellevuecollege.edu/tutoring/>

Inclement weather or emergency procedure:

- If the college remains open, students are expected to make a **reasonable** effort to come to campus. At the same time, BC **does not expect people to endanger themselves** to do so nor do I. If there is a weather emergency, **use common sense, know your comfort level**, check traffic advisories and other information resources, and **exercise your own judgment** about your local conditions and circumstances. Communicate with your teacher what you are planning to do.
- Please make sure to check the BC website as well for any weather related information, updates or closures: <http://bellevuecollege.edu/publicsafety/status/>

Respect and Diversity

- Bellevue College is committed to maintaining an environment in which every member of the campus community feels welcome to participate in the life of the college, free from harassment and discrimination.
- MY CLASSROOM is an LGBTQ Safe Space where I welcome your individuality, and I will defend your right to be yourself in the spirit of learning and in an environment of mutual respect.

- We are all here to learn. I am committed to maintaining an environment wherein we all feel safe to do so.

Work Ethic & Civility in the Classroom

- You are expected to spend 1-2 hours outside of class on practicing class material.
- Everyone in class deserves a healthy learning environment. So, please don't talk when others are trying to listen, don't come late or leave early if you don't have to, come ready to learn and put all your electronic devices away during class time. Please address one another with respect. You will be called on your behavior.
- If your **cell phone** is out on the table or chair or goes off once in class, please bring an item for the food bank. If it happens a second time, I will reserve the right to take the phone for the rest of the period. After a third time, the instructor will safeguard the phone until the end of the quarter.

GRADES:

Grades will be based on the following:

1. Attendance 10%
2. Workbook, homework, and participation 35%
3. Quizzes 20%
4. Tests 25%
5. Final 10%

Grade Scale

100%-93%	A 4.0	89%-87%	B+ 3.3	79%-77%	C+ 2.3	69%-67%	D+ 1.3
92%-90%	A- 3.7	86%-83%	B 3.0	76%-73%	C 2.0	66%-63%	D 1.0
		82%-80%	B- 2.7	72%-70%	C- 1.7	62%-60%	D-

