

SUNY Oswego GER 300 (Landeskunde) Spring 2012



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Required Text: Wulf Koepke, *Die Deutschen*, 5th ed. Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 2000.

Course Description: Study of recent social, cultural, and historical trends in German-speaking countries, with comparison to American models and customs.

Course Objectives:

1. Familiarity with the social and cultural features of contemporary life in German-speaking countries.
2. Increased ability to communicate in German, with a particular emphasis on the most up-to-date German vocabulary.
3. Improved reading ability with the same emphasis.
4. Heightened understanding of the mindset and cultural expectations of people in these countries, as compared and contrasted with American customs.
5. By studying German Culture and Civilization, students will gain an understanding of the major forces involved in the creation of the German language, German politics, literature, philosophy, art and music in the last two thousand years.

Please note the following points:

- a) The semester is broken into the topics and assignments which we will cover, but the exact pace is subject to change.
- b) The language of instruction is German, and the textbook is written in German.
- c) Audio-visual material is in German and occasionally in English.
- d) Your instructor will speak an accent-free, standard German at normal speed.
- e) You are encouraged to ask questions at all times.
- f) If you cannot express a question or a viewpoint in German, you may use English.

- g) The instructor's response will usually be in German.
- h) Your participation is one of the most important criteria for the successful completion of the course.

Assignments:

If you know that you will have to miss a class meeting, make arrangements with your instructor about assignments. If you have to miss a class meeting due to an emergency, ascertain which assignments are due as promptly as possible. For this purpose, it is a good idea to exchange phone numbers with a classmate.

Grades: Students' final grade will be based on the following work:

4 Tests:	40% (10% each)
Presentations in class:	20%
Participation, homework, and attendance:	15%
Final Exam:	15%

'Participation' includes:

- a) Quality preparation for the class,
- b) An ability to express yourself verbally on the assigned topic,
- c) Attendance in order to fulfill a) and b)

Attendance Policy:

You are allowed 3 absences during the semester - no questions asked. Each time you miss a class beyond those 3 times, you will lose 2% of the participation grade. In other words, if you miss 5 class meetings (beyond your free ones), you will lose 10% of your participation grade.

Important Disclaimer: The course content section is a guideline only and will be changed. It is up to you to be in class so that you may be aware of any such changes.

The disabilities statement (this is the most recent version, dated April 23, 2008)

The Office of Disability Services is available to assist students who have a legally documented disability or students who suspect that they may have a disability. If you have a disabling condition that may interfere with your ability to successfully complete this course, please contact the Office of Disability Services. (Alternative testing for students with learning disabilities is available through Disability Services.)

Intellectual integrity on the part of all students is basic to individual growth and development through college course work. When academic dishonesty occurs, the teaching/learning climate is seriously undermined and student growth and development are impeded. For these reasons, any form of intellectual dishonesty is a serious concern and is therefore prohibited. For more information visit:

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