

GRMN 101 Elementary German I

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Section 3 meets MTWR 1 – 1:50 pm, Section 4 meets MTWR 2 – 2:50 pm

Textbooks:

Robert Di Donato, Monica D. Clyde, and Jacqueline Vansant. *Deutsch: Na klar!* 8th Edition. Boston: McGraw-Hill. Available for semester-length rent at UM Bookstore.

Jeanine Briggs. *Workbook to Accompany Deutsch: Na Klar!* 8th Edition. Boston: McGraw-Hill. Available for purchase at UM Bookstore.

Course Level

Willkommen! Welcome to German 101, Elementary German I. This course is designed for students who are at the *beginning* level of learning German. It is not assumed students have had prior experience with the German language upon entering class. If you have had previous language experience with German in coursework or otherwise, consult your instructor and/or take the MCLL language placement exam to see if this course is the appropriate level for you. To take the placement exam, contact Olivia White at olivia.white@mso.umt.edu.

Course Overview

GRMN 101 is a four-skills course that teaches listening, speaking, reading, and writing with a focus on communication and everyday, useful situations. You will learn how to communicate in German about such topics as your friends and family, your studies, where you live, and what you like to do. At the same time, you will investigate the rich diversity of culture in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland and learn about important roles German-speaking culture plays globally.

This course meets four times a week and is intended to give you as much of an immersion experience as possible. Learning and practicing vocabulary and grammar patterns will be contextualized by theme. Keep in mind: German is also going to give you the chance to learn about and improve your use of English!

Learning Goals and Course Outcomes

As mentioned, this course is oriented toward helping develop your ability to use the four basic elements of German: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The last two are emphasized (though not exclusively) in homework assignments and in chapter tests. Listening and speaking are emphasized in the classroom. You will learn German vocabulary and grammar in an incremental fashion beginning with simple phrases, eventually working toward sentences with different types of verbs, objects, and other elementary parts of speech, based on topics that will help you get to know basic aspects of German-speaking culture. In addition to the textbook and the workbook, you will

encounter a variety of materials that will allow you to practice your skills of listening and reading comprehension along with speaking and writing and help you explore German-speaking culture.

Participation

Participation is essential in learning a language, and you can only participate if you attend class (see **Attendance Policy** below). Expect to speak and interact with others every class period. Your participation grade is calculated according to the following: Do you volunteer in class? Are you speaking in German during pair work and group activities? Does your participation involve effective use of material covered in class and in the homework? Do you complete exercises and activities? Do you work and engage with a variety of students?

Homework

Homework will consist of exercises from the workbook and from the textbook as well. When turning in homework from the workbook, please staple pages together before class and be sure it is neat and legible. Do your best to note assignments and material you are not certain about or are having trouble with. We can discuss them in class, or you can bring them to me during my office hours. In general, assignments from the workbook will follow the sections of the chapter we're currently discussing. It is very important to keep up with homework as it is assigned. Remember: An important part of any assignment is learning from not always getting things right. That's OK. We'll be working together to improve your skills and confidence all semester long!

Quizzes

At least once per chapter there will be a brief quiz that will cover cultural topics, vocabulary, and grammar items. The "Wörter im Kontext" ("Words in Context") sections of the book will be discussed in each chapter segment and there is a vocabulary list of new words in each chapter at the end of that chapter. Be sure to take note of them while we cover the chapter topics and for both tests and quizzes.

Tests

Tests are given at the end of each chapter. While they will focus on material from a given chapter, they will also include some previous material, reflecting the cumulative nature of language learning. Tests can only be made up with advance notice unless a sufficient and documented excuse is provided.

Final Examination

The final for all sections of GRMN 101 will take place on Monday, December, 9th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in LA 11. It will be cumulative.

Attendance Policy

As mentioned above, attendance in a language course is essential; it is important that you **attend regularly** in order not to fall behind. Excused absences may be allowed, but they must be specific and verifiable. Excused absences include illness, family emergencies, athletic or university-sponsored activities that can be verified by an administrator or official organization, and religious holidays, among others. If you have an excusable absence it is up to you to contact me either beforehand or within two sessions after your absence. For extended emergencies, exceptions can be made. Otherwise your absence will be considered unexcused. You will be allowed **four (4)** unexcused absences for the course without grade penalty. After that you will be assessed a **five (5)**-point demotion for every absence. **Twelve (12)** unexcused absences may become grounds for failing the course solely because of absences. Note that both the instructor and the students are responsible for maintaining a climate of consideration and respect for everyone participating in the

course. Please conduct yourself with the presence of others in mind. You will likely find that you will learn a lot from what your classmates have to share and offer.

Grading

Final grades will be calculated in the following way:

• Participation	150 pts (1 x 22, 4 x 32) (15 %)
• Homework and Preparation	150 pts (5 x 30) (15 %)
• Quizzes	100 pts (5 x 20) (10 %)
• Tests	400 pts (4 x 100) (40 %)
• Final Exam	200 pts (1 x 200) (20 %)
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Please note: there will be no extra-credit assignments. Please do the homework assignments as given.

Electronic Devices (Cell Phones, Laptops, Music Players, etc.)

Unless specified or needed for a class activity, personal computers, music players, and messaging devices are not to be used during class.

Students with Disabilities

This course offers equal opportunity in education for all participants, including those with documented physical and documented learning disabilities. For information regarding documentation of disabilities, approaching your instructor with pertinent information, and establishing guidelines for potential accommodation, you may consult the Disability Services for Students: <https://www.umt.edu/dss/>. Please note that accommodations can only be established via consultation with DSS and take effect only after the instructor has been informed. The DSS Office is located in Lommasson 154; the phone number is 243-2243.

Plagiarism and Academic Honesty

Please refer to the Student Conduct Code as it pertains to your responsibility to hand in work and/or perform activities assigned to be your own as indeed representing your own efforts and work.

<http://www.umt.edu/student-affairs/community-standards/default.php>

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COURSE SCHEDULE MTWR

Mon Aug. 26	First Introduction, Course Overview
Tues Aug. 27 – Thurs. Aug 29	Einführung (Introduction)
Special Event: Sunday Sept. 1	GERMANFEST: 2 – 6 pm Caras Park, Downtown
Mon Sept. 2	LABOR DAY – NO CLASS
Tues Sept. 3 – Mon Sept. 9	Einführung with Quiz at the End (Sept. 9)
Tues Sept. 10 – Wed Sept. 25	Kapitel 1
Thurs Sept. 26	Test on Kapitel 1
Mon Sep. 30 – Wed Oct. 16	Kapitel 2
Thurs Oct. 17	Test on Kapitel 2
Mon Oct. 21 – Wed Nov. 6	Kapitel 3
Thurs Nov. 7	Test on Kapitel 3
Monday Nov. 11	VETERANS DAY Observed – NO CLASS
Tues Nov. 12 – Tues Nov. 26	Kapitel 4
Wed Nov. 27 – Fri Nov. 29	Travel Day and THANKSGIVING Holiday
Mon Dec. 2	Kapitel 4
Tues Dec. 3	Test on Kapitel 4
Wed, Thurs Dec. 4, 5	Review for Final
Mon Dec. 9 @ 7:00pm-9:00pm	FINAL in LA 11

NOTE: The Final Exam is a common final for all sections of the German 101 and does not correspond to the exam schedule for the individual classes.