



School of English, Journalism
& European Languages

Unit Outline

HEG102
German 1B (Launceston)
Semester 2, 2008
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Unit Description:	This is the continuation of HEG101 German 1A. An intensive beginners' unit which aims to bring students' German language competence to a level at least equivalent to TCE stage 5C. During the five contact hours the four language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) are taught employing a communicative method and using some of the latest language teaching techniques.
Unit Aims and Objectives:	The aims of this unit are to enable students to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Gain an understanding of the fundamental structures and idioms of German language.2. Develop the passive language skills of listening and reading in the target language.3. Develop basic active language skills of speaking and writing in the target language.
Learning Outcomes:	Under ideal conditions, students taking this unit will: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. build <i>knowledge</i> in the areas described in the Unit Aims and Objectives (above);2. enhance skills in<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) written <i>communication</i>;b) reading comprehension;c) oral <i>communication</i>, through participation in tutorial activities; andd) aural comprehension;3. enhance skills in <i>problem solving</i> through the development and application of rules and paradigms to

	<p>solve communication problems; and</p> <p>4. develop their <i>global perspective</i> through the study of texts on a range of German cultural and social themes.</p>
Required Texts:	<p>Dollenmayer & Hansen, <i>Neue Horizonte</i> (Sixth Edition)</p> <p>[incl. CDs, Work Book, CD-Rom]</p>
When Taught:	<p>Lectures/tutorials:</p> <p>Tuesday 9:00 – 10:50am, NH.L135</p> <p>Wednesday 12:00 – 2:00pm, NH.L135</p>
Assessment:	<p>Weekly exercises (15%), oral/aural exam (15%), 150-word assignment in German (15%), tutorial tests (5%), 3-hr written exam (50%).</p>

LECTURE/SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Date	Topic	Lecturer
Week 14	<i>Neue Horizonte: Kapitel 6 German Student Life / Two-way prepositions</i>	Mr Peter Hollick
Week 15	<i>Neue Hoizonte: Kapitel 7 Traveling in Europe / Conjunctions</i>	
Week 16	<i>Neue Horizonte: Kapitel 7 Traveling in Europe / the Dative Case</i>	
Week 17	<i>Neue Horizonte: Kapitel 8 Life in German Cities / Subordinating Conjunctions</i>	
Week 18	<i>Neue Horizonte: Kapitel 8 Life in German Cities / the Genitive Case</i>	
Week 19	<i>Neue Horizonte: Kapitel 9 German and global environmental issues / Adjective Endings</i>	
Week 20	<i>Neue Horizonte: Kapitel 9 German and global environmental issues / Word Order</i>	
	Mon 1 Sep – Fri 5 Sep Mid-Semester Break	
Week 21	<i>Neue Horizonte: Kapitel 10 Germany in the 20th century / The Simple Past Tense</i>	
Week 22	<i>Neue Horizonte: Kapitel 10 Germany in the 20th century / Past Perfect & Time Expressions</i>	
Week 23	<i>Neue Horizonte: Kapitel 11 Germany after the Wall / Reflexive Verbs</i>	
Week 24	<i>Neue Horizonte: Kapitel 11 Germany after the Wall / Adjectives of Indefinite Number</i>	
Week 25	<i>Neue Horizonte: Kapitel 12 Authentic Texts / Comparisons of Adj. & Adv. / Relative Clauses.</i>	
Week 26	Revision / Aural & oral examination	
	Study Period: 20-24 October	
	Examination Period: 25 October – 11 November	

ASSESSMENT

Assessment in this unit takes the form of weekly written exercises to be submitted during the semester, occasional tutorial tests, one written assignment to be handed in at the end of the semester, one aural test and one oral test completed in the final week of semester, and one formal examination in the examination period.

Weekly exercises are due generally one week from the date the work was set, unless otherwise specified or formally arranged with your lecturer / tutor.

Tutorial Tests are conducted in normal class time based on knowledge and understanding of course material covered in the immediate period preceding the tests.

Written assignment is due by 4 pm on **Friday, 17 October 2008**.

Aural test will be conducted in normal class time in the week beginning 13 October (final week) by short answers based on a recorded text in the target language.

Oral test will be conducted in pairs (with individual assessment) at times to be scheduled in the week beginning 13 October.

The **examination** will be scheduled in the official examination period. The examination timetable is published on the UTAS website. The exam is worth 50% of your final mark in this unit.

This assignment will assess learning outcomes 1, 2a, 2b and 3.

The **weekly exercises** will assess knowledge and understanding of material related to unit content. Together the exercises are worth 15% of your final mark in this unit.

This assignment will assess learning outcomes 1, 2a, 2b and 3.

The **Tutorial Tests** are short quizzes or tests held during normal class time. Together the tests are worth 5% of your final mark in this unit.

This assignment will assess learning outcomes 1, 2a, 2b and 3.

The **written assignment** is based on the themes encountered during the semester and will require application of knowledge and skills developed. This assignment is worth 15% of your final mark in this unit. Choose one of the following topics and write approximately 150 words in German.

1. Reisen in Europa / Australien [travel in Europe / Australia]
2. Mein Lieblingssport [My favourite sport]
3. Umweltprobleme in meinem Land [Environmental problems in my country]
4. ein Stadtführer für meine Heimatstadt / eine Stadt in einem deutschsprachigen Land
[A guide to my home city / a city in a German-speaking country]

This assignment will assess learning outcomes 1, 2a, 3 and 4.

The **aural test** assesses understanding of spoken German based on written answers of short written questions both of which will be in the target language.

This test will assess learning outcomes 1, 2b and 2d.

The **oral test** assesses the students' pronunciation and ability to communicate orally in the target language. A list of potential questions and the prepared reading will be distributed prior to the testing period.

This test will assess learning outcomes 1 and 2b.

The aural and oral tests combined are worth 15% of your final mark in this unit.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Submission of Assignments

Students are required to submit all assignments in this unit directly to their tutor unless otherwise directed.

All assignments must be submitted in hard-copy (not by email, unless otherwise directed). Students are required to keep copies of all submitted assignments.

Difficulties with your Studies

If you are experiencing difficulties with your studies or assignments, have personal or life planning issues, disability or illness which may affect your course of study, you should raise these with your lecturer and/or one of the following Student Services staff as soon as possible:

- Learning Skills Adviser
- Disability Adviser
- Careers Adviser
- Student Counsellor

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Marking Scale

The following distribution of marks and grades is applied in assessing your work:

- High Distinction (HD)—80-100%
- Distinction (DN)—70-79%
- Credit (CR)—60-69%
- Pass (PP)—50-59%
- Fail (NN)—0-49%

All marks are subject to moderation.

Assessment Criteria

The following criteria apply to assessment of the essay:

- Grammatical correctness
- Syntax
- Choice of vocabulary
- Attention to expression, spelling, proof-reading.

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<http://www.utas.edu.au/servicedesk/student/index.html>

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Help Desk (email HelpDesk@utas.edu.au or 6226 1818, within University 1818)