



School of English, Journalism
& European Languages

Unit Outline

HEG101 German 1A

Semester 1, 2009
Launceston

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Consultation Hours:	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 12:00-12:50
Unit Description:	An intensive beginners' unit which, in conjunction with HEG102 aims to bring students' German language competence to a level at least equivalent to TCE stage 5C. During the four 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.
Unit Aims and Objectives:	The aims of this unit are to enable students to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gain an understanding of the fundamental structures and idioms of German language.• Develop the passive language skills of listening and reading in the target language.• Develop basic active language skills of speaking and writing in the target language.
Learning Outcomes:	Students taking this unit will: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. build knowledge in the areas described in the Unit Aims and Objectives (above);2. enhance skills in<ol style="list-style-type: none">(a) written communication,(b) reading comprehension;(c) oral communication, through participation in tutorial activities; and(d) aural comprehension.3. enhance skills in problem solving through the development and application of rules and paradigms to solve communication problems;

	4. develop their global perspective through the study of texts on a range of German cultural and social themes.
Required Texts:	Treffpunkt Deutsch & OneKey Webct Pk 5/e (Authors: Widmaier & Widmaier)
When Taught:	Tuesday 9:00-9:50 am NH L131 Tuesday 10:00-10:50 am NH L131 Wednesday 9:00-9:50 am NH L141 Wednesday 10:00-10:50 am NH L141
Assessment:	Weekly exercises (40%), 2 tests (15% each), 1 aural exam (10%), 100-word assignment in German (15%), tutorial tests (5%)

LECTURE/SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Date	Topic	Lecturer
Week 1	<i>Treffpunkt Deutsch: Erste Kontakte / Kapitel 1 Jahraus, jahrein: Gender, word order</i>	Dr Billy Badger
Week 2	<i>Treffpunkt Deutsch: Kapitel 1 Jahraus, jahrein: Pronouns, sein, verbs.</i>	
Week 3	<i>Treffpunkt Deutsch: Kapitel 2 Freunde</i>	n.b. Monday 9 March – Public Holiday
Week 4	<i>Treffpunkt Deutsch: Kapitel 2 Freunde</i>	
Week 5	<i>Treffpunkt Deutsch: Kapitel 3 Familie</i>	
Week 6	<i>Treffpunkt Deutsch: Kapitel 3 Familie</i>	
Week 7	<i>Treffpunkt Deutsch: Kapitel 4 Alltagsleben</i>	
Easter Break – 9-15 April		
Week 8	<i>Treffpunkt Deutsch: Kapitel 4 Alltagsleben</i>	
Week 9	<i>Treffpunkt Deutsch: Kapitel 5 Freizeit-Ferienzeit</i>	
Week 10	<i>Treffpunkt Deutsch: Kapitel 5 Freizeit-Ferienzeit</i>	
Week 11	<i>Treffpunkt Deutsch: Kapitel 6 Ein Blick zurück</i>	
Week 12	<i>Treffpunkt Deutsch: Kapitel 6 Ein Blick zurück.</i>	
Week 13	Revision / Aural & oral examination	
Study Period: 1-5 June		
Examination Period: 6-23 June		

ASSESSMENT

Assessment in this unit consists of the following components:

(1) The **Weekly exercises** will assess knowledge and understanding of material related to unit content. Unless otherwise arranged the **Weekly exercises** will be due just under 2 weeks from the date set. Together the exercises are worth 40% of your final mark in this unit.

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

(2) **Class Tests** are based on material covered up to that point and are held in normal class time during Weeks 6 & 13. They are each worth 15% of your final mark in this unit.

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

(3) The **Aural Test** (listening comprehension) assesses understanding of spoken German, based on written answers of short written questions., both of which will be in English. The **Aural test** will be conducted in normal class time in Week 13 by short answers based on an audio-visual text in the target language. You will hear / view the recorded text 4 times in total with time to record your answers. The aural test is worth 10% of your final mark in this unit.

This test will assess learning outcomes 1, 2b, 2d and 3.

(4) The **Tutorial Tests** are informal tests based on material covered in previous tutorials. The tutorial tests are worth 5% of your final mark in this unit. You will be informed of the upcoming tests during the previous class.

This assignment will assess learning outcome 1.

(5) The 100-word **Written Assignment in German** is based on the themes encountered during the semester and will require application of knowledge and skills developed. The 100-word **Written Assignment in German** is due by 5 pm on **Friday, 29 May 2009**. The assignment is worth 15% of your final mark in this unit.

Choose one of the following topics and write approximately 100 words in German.

1. Das bin ich
2. Das ist meine Familie
3. Das mache ich in meiner Freizeit / am Wochenende / in den Ferien
4. Das ist mein Tag.

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

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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