



School of English, Journalism
& European Languages

Unit Outline

HEG207 German 2A

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Hobart

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Consultation Hours:	Monday: 10 – 10.50am Tuesday: 10 – 10.50am Thursday: 10 – 10.50am
Unit Description:	Employs a communicative method and a thematic approach to bring students to an intermediate level of competence in contemporary German. It gives equal weight to all four macroskills: listening, reading, speaking and writing.
Unit Aims and Objectives:	This unit aims for students to arrive at an intermediate language level by developing a sound command on the four language skills of listening, reading, speaking and writing.
Learning Outcomes:	Ideal conditions prevailing, students will be accomplished in the four macroskills of listening, reading, speaking and writing of the German language.
Required Texts:	Rankin/Wells: <i>Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik</i> Fourth Edition, Houghton Mifflin, USA, 2004 Rankin/Wells; <i>Arbeitsheft, Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik</i> Fourth Edition, Houghton Mifflin, USA, 2004
Recommended Texts:	German-English Dictionary
When Taught:	Mon 9.00am-9.50am Hum 477A Tues 9.00am-9.50am Hum 548 Thurs 9.00am-9.50am Hum 548
Assessment:	Weekly exercises (20%), 2 tests (20% each), 300-word written assignment in German (40%)

LECTURE/SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Date	Topic	Lecturer
Week 1	<i>Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik: Kapitel 2</i>	Dr Eva Meidl
Week 2	<i>Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik: Kapitel 3</i>	
Week 3	<i>Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik: Kapitel 4</i> n.b. Monday 9 March – Public Holiday	
Week 4	<i>Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik: Kapitel 5</i>	
Week 5	<i>Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik: Kapitel 6</i>	
Week 6	<i>Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik: Kapitel 7</i> 1. Test – 20%	
Week 7	<i>Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik: Kapitel 8 and 9</i>	
	Easter Break – 9-15 April	
Week 8	<i>Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik: Kapitel 10</i> Friday, 25. April Public Holiday	
Week 9	<i>Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik: Kapitel 11 and 1</i>	
Week 10	<i>Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik: Kapitel 12</i>	
Week 11	<i>Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik: Kapitel 13</i>	
Week 12	<i>Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik: Kapitel 14 and 15</i>	
Week 13	<i>Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik: Kapitel 16</i> 2. Test – 20%	
	Study Period: 1-5 June	
	Examination Period: 6-23 June	

ASSESSMENT

Weekly exercises (20% of your mark)

It is important to submit in ALL of your homework by the end of week after the homework has been set. The corrected homework will be returned to you promptly, so that you have feedback and can improve your language. Late homework will not be accepted. The homework (weekly exercises) contributes 20% to your overall assessment, so it is important to submit ALL homework.

Some homework will be internet based. You can also practise German independently at your own convenience. Please refer to the following web-site:

<http://college.hmco.com/languages/german/rankin/handbuch/4e/students/ace/index.html>

The essay (40% of your mark) must be submitted in week 13 to Dr Meidl by 5pm Friday 30 May.

Write an essay in German of about 300 words on one of the following topics:

1. "Mein bester Freund/meine beste Freundin"
2. "Meine erste Reise ins Ausland"
3. "Ein Portrait meines Lieblingsmusikers/meiner Lieblingsmusikerin"
4. "Warum ich Deutsch lerne"

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Submission of Assignments

Students are required to submit all assignments in this unit directly to their unit coordinator 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)