



School of English, Journalism
& European Languages

Unit Outline

HEG208
German 2B (Hobart)
Semester 2, 2008
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Consultation Hours:	Mon 10 – 11 am and Thurs 10 am – 11 am
Unit Description:	This is the continuation of HEG207 German 2A. 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 macro-skills: listening, reading, speaking and writing.
Unit Aims and Objectives:	Ideal conditions prevailing, 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:	Students taking this unit will: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. build skills in the areas described in the Unit Aims and Objectives;2. enhance skills in:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. written communication;b. reading comprehension;c. oral <i>communication</i> through participation in tutorial activities (and German Radio project); andd. aural comprehension.
Required Texts:	Rankin/Wells: Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik Fourth Edition, Houghton Mifflin, USA, 2004 Rankin/Wells; Arbeitsheft, Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik Fourth Edition, Houghton Mifflin, USA, 2004

Recommended Texts:	German-English Dictionary
When Taught:	Lectures/tutorials: Monday 9:00 – 9:50am SocSci313 Tuesday 9:00 – 9:50am SocSci313 Thursday 9:00 – 9:50am SocSci313
Assessment:	Weekly exercises (10%), 1 test (15%), oral/aural exam (15%), 3-hr written exam (60%).

LECTURE/SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Date	Topic	Lecturer
Week 14	<i>Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik: Kapitel 14 and 15</i>	Dr Eva Meidl
Week 15	<i>Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik: Kapitel 16 and 17</i>	
Week 16	<i>Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik: Kapitel 18 and 19</i>	
Week 17	<i>Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik: Kapitel 20</i>	
Week 18	<i>Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik: Kapitel 20 and 21</i>	
Week 19	<i>Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik: Kapitel 21 and 22</i> Test – 15%	
Week 20	<i>Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik: Kapitel 23 and 24</i>	
	Mon 1 Sep – Fri 5 Sep Mid-Semester Break	
Week 21	<i>Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik: Kapitel 24 and 25</i>	
Week 22	<i>Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik: Kapitel 25</i>	
Week 23	<i>Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik: Kapitel 26</i>	
Week 24	<i>Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik: Kapitel 27</i>	
Week 25	<i>Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik: Kapitel 28</i>	
Week 26	<i>Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik: Kapitel 29 and 30</i> Aural/oral exam – 15%	
	Study Period: 20-24 October	
	Examination Period: 25 October – 11 November	

ASSESSMENT

It is important to submit 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 10% 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 **examination** will be scheduled in the official examination period. The timetable is published on the UTAS website. The examination is worth 60% of your final mark in this unit.

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

The **weekly exercises** will assess knowledge and understanding of material related to unit content. Together, the exercises are worth 10% of your final mark in this unit.

These assignments will assess learning outcomes 1, 2a and 2b.

The **written test** will be held in week 19. It will assess knowledge and skills in written German and is worth 15% of your final mark in this unit.

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

The **aural test** will be held in week 26. It assesses understanding of spoken German based on written answers of short oral questions, both of which will be in the target language.

This test will assess learning outcomes 1 and 2d.

The **oral test** will be held in week 26. It assesses the students' pronunciation and ability to communicate orally in the target language. Topics and prepared reading will be distributed prior to the testing period.

The aural/oral test is worth 15% of your final mark in this unit.

This test will assess learning outcomes 1 and 2c.

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.

IT Support

Learning online—for online learning and Vista support – <http://www.utas.edu.au/coursesonline/>

Information Technology Services—for general IT Support (includes link to UTAS download website)

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

Library Services—for information literacy support – <http://www.utas.edu.au/library/>

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