

MAYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

GER 111 Section 10

Elementary German I

3 Credit Hours, 3 contact hours

Fall 2006

Course Description

This course introduces the fundamental elements of the German language within a cultural context. Emphasis is placed on the development of basic listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Upon completion, students should be able to comprehend and respond with grammatical accuracy to spoken and written German and demonstrate cultural awareness. *This course has been approved to satisfy the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement general education core requirement in humanities/fine arts.*

Prerequisites: RED 090

Corequisites: None

Instructor Information

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Course Information

Meeting Times and Location: TTH 8:00 – 9:20 AM Room P115(ITV)

Required Text(s): Sevin, Dieter and Sevin, Ingrid, *Wie Geht's* 8th Edition, Thompson Heinle 2006, *Arbeitsbuch*,

LRC Resources: *Wie Geht's* Audio CDs

Course Objectives/Competencies:

The main objectives of the class are to develop basic competency in listening, speaking, reading and writing the German language and to become familiar with the culture of German speaking countries. By the end of the semester the student should be able to:

- 1) Converse with others on topics such as:
 - a) Getting to know each other
 - b) Telling time, dates, days of the week, weather, seasons
 - c) Describing people and things
 - d) Talking about friends and family
 - e) Expressing likes and dislikes
 - f) Discussing routine daily activities
- 2) Pronounce German acceptable to the instructor
- 3) Apply basics of German grammar
- 4) Be familiar with aspects of the culture of German speaking countries. The student should know:
 - a) Where German is spoken
 - b) Major cities in Germany, Austria and Switzerland
 - c) Something about current events in German speaking countries
 - d) Major holidays and festivals celebrated in German-speaking countries

Mission:

Mayland Community College's General Education core courses will provide the essential body of knowledge and skills that enable all degree-level students to perform competently as employees and as contributing members of society.

Graduates of all degree programs at Mayland Community College will have completed the general education core. That core encompasses the essential knowledge and skills that enable all degree-level students to perform competently as employees and as contributing members of society. Upon completion of the general education core, students will be able to demonstrate the following:

1. Effective communication in speaking and listening situations needed for college, personal, and work successes
2. Effective communication in writing and reading situations needed for college, personal, and work successes
3. Logical, critical, and creative thinking to evaluate evidence and reach a conclusion
4. Application of basic computer use skills
5. Application of fundamental math skills
6. Basic awareness of the diversity of various world groups from both historical and contemporary contexts

Attendance Policy/Tardiness/Make-Up Work:

Roll will be taken and you are expected to be in class each time it meets. If you are absent the day a homework assignment is due, it will be due the day you return to class. If you miss on a test day, you must make up the test within one week of your return to class.

Projects:

Each student will prepare a class presentation on a cultural or current event topic about a German-speaking country

Participation: Learning to speak German is an important part of this class. Each student is expected to participate in the spoken activities at each class. I realize that you are new to the German language and that you will not be fluent. But I expect you to try and as the semester goes on, you will improve.

Workbook/Audio CDs: The workbook and CDs are an integral part of this course. Students are required to listen to the Audio CDs a minimum of 2 hours per week. The Audio CDs cannot be checked out of the LRC. You will sign them out and listen at the computers in the LRC. You will need to bring your own headphones for listening. You will use the CDs to complete certain sections of the *Arbeitsbuch*.

Quizzes: There will be a short vocabulary/dictation quiz at the beginning of each class at least once a week.

Internet Activities: Beginning with Kapitel Eins (Chapter 1) You will be directed to go to the web site: <http://wiegehts.heinle.com> to take quizzes and complete other activities. You will email results to me from the web site.

Grading Criteria/Tests/Projects:

Grades will be based on:

Participation 15%

Quizzes (Including Web quizzes) 15%

Exams 40%

Workbook (and CDs) 20%

Projects 10%

Grading Scale:

A = 90-100

B = 80 - 89

C = 70 – 79

D = 60 - 69
F = 59 or below

Inclement Weather Procedures:

If all classes are cancelled or Mayland is on a two-hour delay, an announcement will be made over local radio and television stations or you may call the Mayland switchboard. If Mayland is on a two hour delay, class will be cancelled. If class is cancelled, there will be an out-of-class assignment to make up for the lost class time. The out-of-class assignment will be posted on LEO. Students are not expected to risk injury attempting to attend class during inclement weather. If, in your judgment, travel to class is not safe, regardless of whether or not classes are cancelled, contact the instructor by phone or email and there will be no penalty for your absence.

Academic Standards/Student Expectations/Ethics:

Giving or receiving assistance on a test will result in a grade of 0 for that test. Plagiarized work will have to be redone.

Withdrawal Dates

Fall 2006:

Unconditional withdrawal through Friday September 22, 2006

Last day for conditional withdrawal: Monday, October 30, 2006

The following Administrative Withdrawal statement applies to students of Mayland Community College: If a student has not been in contact with the instructor and has not attended class for a consecutive two-week period, an administrative withdrawal will be submitted by the instructor.

The following ADA statement: Any student requesting special accommodations for this course due to a disability should apply for services through the SOAR Office or the Counseling Center, which will document the disability. A counselor will then help determine which accommodations, if any, the student needs for success in this course.

Course Outline/Weekly Topics

Week	Lehrbuch (Textbook)
1-2	Schritte
3-4	Kapitel Eins
5	Review and Test
6-7	Kapitel Zwei
8 -9	Kapitel Drei
10	Review and Test
11 - 12	Kapitel Vier
13 - 14	Kapitel Fünf
15	Review and Test
16	Student Presentations