

Open Disclosure
German I
Herr McGrath
2015-2016

Goal for the class:

The goal for German I is to introduce you to the German language by exploring basic conversational topics, vocabulary and grammar. You will learn to speak in both the present and future tenses while exploring cultural, geographical and historical aspects of the German-speaking world. You should all be prepared to read, write, speak and eventually understand a great deal of German throughout the duration of this course.

Grading Scale:

- A – 90 to 100
- B – 80 to 89
- C – 70 to 79
- D – 60 to 69
- F – Below 59

Quarter Grade Computation:

20%Participation (Or in other words, your speaking grade)

This portion of your grade is extremely important. Each student will be required to accumulate 25 participation points each quarter. These points will be earned but can also be taken away. Extra participation points will be converted into extra credit at the end of each quarter.

15Oral and Listening

15%Homework/Tagebücher

20%Quizzes and Graded Work

30%Tests and Projects

Semester Grade Computation:

40%First Quarter

40%Second Quarter

20%Semester Exam

Materials you will need:

Writing utensil

Paper

3-ring binder or folder to keep track of all supplemental handouts and materials you will be given throughout the entire year.

A note on homework:

Unless you were absent which was excused or because of some extremely bizarre circumstances, homework is due immediately following the day it was assigned. I won't accept late homework because you left it in your locker, you brought the wrong notebook or you had more important things to do. Homework will be consistent but never overwhelming. I don't give homework on Fridays.

Make-up work:

We all lead busy lives and I realize absences occur. I am more than happy to allow you to make up work which you have missed due to an absence which has been excused, however..... It is your responsibility to enquire about work you have missed. I may remind you but seldom more than once. Zeros will be devastating to your grade so please make an effort to finish all assignments.

Expectations:

I am looking forward to an exciting and productive year. Learning another language is a great deal of fun and will prove extremely beneficial to you all. I expect a great deal of participation and hard work. Attendance in a World Language class is of the utmost importance. Language is sequential and builds upon itself. Frequent absences or not paying attention can be detrimental to your language learning success. A language can not be learned passively you have to be proactive and aggressive to achieve proficiency in a second language. Come to class, do your best and let's have a great year!