GERMAN 101 Elementary German, Section 101.02
Tuesday/Friday 1-2:15
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Willkommen in Deutsch 101! This is a three-credit class, and we will be meeting twice a week for 75 minutes per day. You should be sure that you can devote the proper time and effort, in and outside of our in-person class meetings to learning a new language. Even though you are starting today with very little or no experience in German **(please come and talk with me immediately after class if this is not the case)**, by the end of this semester, you should be able to:

- Engage in numerous types of conversations in German
- Read simple German texts found in day-to-day settings
- Write in German about yourself, others, and the world around you
- Handle a variety of informal tasks and situations, both linguistic and cultural (travel, university life, etc.)
- Make comparisons between German language and culture and other languages and cultures you know.

Textbook
Please make sure you also have access to the required textbook for this course: *Access to German: Jägerbuch* Volume 1, ISBN: 9781524996246. It is available to ship from Hunter's online bookstore.

It is crucial that you keep up with course material and do not fall behind. You should never hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns of any nature. The department also offers **peer tutoring**. Tutoring will take place in the German department on the 14th floor of Hunter West, room 1440.

Course Requirements & Grading Policy
Your grade for German 101 will be based on the assessment of the following:

1. Attendance and active participation (25%). Attendance will be taken at each class meeting. Each student may be absent or significantly late three times during the semester with no penalty; more absences will have an impact on the final grade. You are expected to actively participate in every class session. It is not possible to learn a language without frequent, regular, active participation in a setting where that language is used, so you should plan to be present and fully engaged for all of our time together. Even under those circumstances, 75 minutes twice a week is simply not enough time to put into learning a language – not if you really want to be able to use it.

2. Homework (15%). The limited time we have together in the classroom is not enough to prepare you to really use your German. So you are also expected to prepare homework before and after every class meeting. All homework must be completed by the assigned deadlines; try to

space it out throughout the week rather than doing it all at once. A lot of homework will focus on reading; some will require you to work with audio. When homework calls for writing, your learning will be improved if you write by hand instead of using a computer. Sometimes the homework will be collected and graded, so be prepared to hand in work every session.

3. Quizzes (30%). To help you study and memorize regularly, there will be frequent short quizzes. Each quiz will include a writing section. Make-up quizzes will not be given. Students may miss one quiz without penalty. Students who take all quizzes will have their lowest quiz grade dropped at the end of the semester.

4. Midterm exam (10%) and final exam (20%). These in-class exams will test listening, reading, writing, and vocabulary and grammar. Your instructor will give you information about dates, times, and what topics will be tested.
* Regardless of the above percentages, a grade of "F" on the final exam and an average grade of "D" for the rest of the course will result in a final grade of "F."
* The last day to withdraw from the course with a grade of "W" is Thursday, November 6.
* Please note that this course is NOT eligible for Pass/No Credit; it can only be taken for a letter grade. The Registrar will NOT change grades for this course to P or NC

Please visit and explore the Brightspace site for this course before our next class meeting and make a note of any questions or concerns. I will communicate with you between class meetings making announcements on Brightspace and/or send emails to you via Brightspace, so please be sure to check your email regularly. If you receive email at an account other than your Hunter address, please forward your Hunter email to that account so that you will receive my communications in a timely manner.

Hunter College Academic Integrity Statement:

Hunter College regards acts of academic dishonesty (e.g., plagiarism, cheating on examinations, obtaining unfair advantage, and falsification of records and official documents) as serious offenses against the values of intellectual honesty. The college is committed to enforcing the CUNY Policy on Academic Integrity and will pursue cases of academic dishonesty according to the Hunter College Academic Integrity Procedures.

Hunter College Policy on Sexual Misconduct:

In compliance with the CUNY Policy on Sexual Misconduct, Hunter College reaffirms the prohibition of any sexual misconduct, which includes sexual violence, sexual harassment, and gender-based harassment retaliation against students, employees, or visitors, as well as certain intimate relationships. Students who have experienced any form of sexual violence on or off campus (including CUNY-sponsored trips and events) are entitled to the rights outlined in the Bill of Rights for Hunter College.

a. Sexual Violence: Students are strongly encouraged to immediately report the incident by calling 911, contacting NYPD Special Victims Division Hotline (646-610-7272) or

their local police precinct, or contacting the College's Public Safety Office (212-772-4444).
b. All Other Forms of Sexual Misconduct: Students are also encouraged to contact the College's Title IX Campus Coordinator, Dean John Rose (jtrose@hunter.cuny.edu or 212-650-3262) or Colleen Barry (colleen.barry@hunter.cuny.edu or 212-772-4534) and seek complimentary services through the Counseling and Wellness Services Office, Hunter East 1123.

From the German Department: In order to really learn the language and benefit from the work assigned for this course, you must complete it on your own without help from other people, or from AI. If you feel you need help with an assignment, speak to your instructor or work with a German Department tutor. Obtaining help from other German speakers will be treated as academic dishonesty. It will also be treated as academic dishonesty if you use Google Translate or some other translation engine rather than completing homework on your own with the material from our textbook.

The following is **a semester outline** of when material will be covered and when examinations will take place. Dates for assignments will be added as we go. Chapters refer to *Access of German* (*Jägerbuch)*.

We will cover one Lektion per session. **Be sure to have read through that Lektion prior to our meeting, and complete the listed assignments**. I will post

DATES	**CLASS CONTENT**
August 26	Introduction, course policies, basic phrases, greetings
August 29	*Lektion* 1 Comprehension check 1-3 AND Complete worksheet pp. 9 – 10
September 2	*Lektion* 2 Comprehension check p 13, AND homework p 14, AND listening practice p 15
September 5	*Lektion 2a* Complete Worksheet p17-18 Be prepared for quiz #1—review all material covered so far
September 9	*Lektion* 3 Worksheet on p 27-8
September 12	*Lektion* 4 Listening practice, p 29 AND Worksheet on p 33-4
September 16	*Lektion* 5 Listening practice, p 36 AND Homework assignment on p 37
September 19	*Lektion* 6 Listening practice, p 43 AND Homework assignment on p 43 Be prepared for quiz #2-- review all material covered so far

September 26	*Lektion* 7 Comprehension check 1 p 47 AND Listening practice p 48-9
September 30	*Lektion* 8 Listening practice p 54, AND Comprehension check 1&2 p 55
October 3	*Lektion* 9 Comprehension check 1 p 60 and worksheet p 63 Be prepared for quiz #3—review all material covered so far
October 7	*Lektion* 10 Listening practice p 69, AND Comprehension check 1 p 66
October 10	*Lektion* 11 Comprehension check 1&2 p 74
October 17	*Lektion* 12 Comprehension check 1-3 p 80 AND Listening practice p 81
October 21	*Lektion* 13 Comprehension check 1-4 AND Listening practice p 87
October 28	Midterm exam review
October 31	Midterm exam
November 4	*Lektion* 14 Comprehension check 1 p 92
November 7	*Lektion* 15 Comprehension check 1 p 98 Be prepared for quiz #4—review all material covered so far
November 11	*Lektion* 16 Comprehension check 1-3, p 105-6
November 14	*Lektion* 17 Comprehension check 1 p 112, AND listening practice p 113
November 18	*Lektion* 18 Comprehension check 1&2, p 116-7
November 21	*Lektion* 19 Homework, p 121 Be prepared for quiz #5—review all material covered so far
November 25	*Lektion 19 (cont.)* Listening practice p 124
December 2	*Lektion* 20 Comprehension 1-3 p 132-3
December 5	*Lektion* 22

December 9	Review for the final exam
December 12	Review for the final exam continued