

## Course Outline

English and Modern Languages Department  
Faculty of Arts

### GERMAN 1110-01

INTRODUCTORY GERMAN 1

Fall 2016

---

**Instructor:** Dr. Fränzi Ng, EdD

**Phone/Voice Mail:** 250 852 6838

**e-Mail:** fng@tru.ca

**Office & Office Hours:** OL 346, please email to set an appointment

**Classroom:** AE 166

**Class Times:** Mondays & Wednesdays, 4:30 pm-5:45 pm

See the Course Syllabus at the back of this document for exceptions

**Language Lab:** Your choice of Tuesdays from 8:30 am-9:20 am or

Wednesdays from 12:30 pm -1:20 pm

This outline is provisional and may change as the course progresses.  
For the most up to date outline, see the course website at <http://germ1110.tru.ca/>.

## OVERVIEW

### Calendar Description

This course allows beginners to develop cultural knowledge and communicative skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing in modern standard German. Upon successful completion of this course, students are expected to demonstrate a CEFR A1 level of proficiency. Required Lab: GERM 1110L

**Prerequisite:** None

**Exclusions:** Students who have completed German in Grade 11 or equivalent within the last two years may not take this course for credit unless approved by Modern Languages.

**We are what we repeatedly do.  
Excellence, then is not an act  
but a habit.**

Aristotle

## Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- **Speak conversationally** in German on the topics covered in class (family, day-to-day living, etc.)
- Ask and answer simple **questions** in German on the topics covered
- **Understand** simple spoken language on the topics covered
- **Write** correctly in simple German sentences on the topics covered
- **Answer** questions about and/or summarize the content of simple German written passages
- Incorporate information about German **culture** as covered in the course into work produced

These objectives correspond to the beginning or 'Breakthrough' levels established by the internationally recognized Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).

### Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR)

#### Level A1 of Language Proficiency

Listening	I can understand familiar words and very basic phrases concerning myself, my family, and immediate concrete surroundings when people speak slowly and clearly.
Reading	I can understand familiar names, words, and very simple sentences, for example on notices, on posters and in catalogues.
Spoken Interaction	I can interact in a simple way, provided the other person is prepared to repeat or rephrase things at a slower rate of speech and help me formulate what I am trying to say. I can ask and answer simple questions in areas of immediate need or on very familiar topics.
Spoken Production	I can use simple phrases and sentences to describe where I live and people I know.
Writing	I can write a short, simple post-card, for example, sending holiday greetings. I can fill in forms with personal details, for example, entering my name, nationality, and address on a hotel registration form.

## Course Topics

*Schritte* and *Kapitel 1-3* in *German 1110 & 1210* will be covered in the fall semester. A more detailed breakdown of the topics can be found in the course syllabus (see back of this document).

## Texts and Materials

### Required in class:

- **German 1110 & 1210**. Thompson Rivers University, Nelson Education. This custom textbook is available at the TRU bookstore. You will use this book in both this course and in GERM 1210. If you buy the book new at our bookstore, iLrn is included (see below).
- **iLrn, Heinle Learning Centre** is the companion website for your textbook. Having access to this website is essential for your *Sprachlabor* work and your success in this course. If you purchased the course textbook new, please request your access information from Frau Ng. If you do not purchase the textbook new, you can buy access to iLrn at <http://tiny.cc/3zijek>. (Please note, it's much cheaper to buy the textbook at the bookstore (which includes iLrn) than to just buy iLrn access by itself online.)
- **Blue, red and green** pens, pencil crayons or markers

### Recommended for homework:

- Zorach, Cecile, and Charlotte Melin. *English Grammar for Students of German*. The Olivia and Hill Press.
- A German dictionary, by either Pons or Langenscheidt

***This or anything better.***

## ASSESSMENTS & WEIGHTING

Assessment	%
Attendance & Participation	10
Sprachlabor, 11	11
Quizze, 6	12
Hausaufgabe 1	4
Hausaufgabe 2	5
Hausaufgabe 3	5
Prüfung 1	8
Prüfung 2	9
Prüfung 3	10
Prüfung 4	14
Mündliche Prüfung	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

### Classroom Participation/Attendance

Part of the final grade will be based on your activity and participation in the classroom. This includes your willingness to speak and participate in class and group activities, and your preparedness and attentiveness in answering questions.

Since learning in this course is cumulative, 100% class and lab attendance will significantly enhance your success in this course. Students who attend less than 90% of class time (who miss more than 4 classes or labs) may be required to withdraw from the course. The TRU policy on attendance states, "Admission to a lecture, laboratory, tutorial or seminar may be refused by the instructor for lateness, class misconduct or failure to complete required work" (Policy ED 3-1).

### Language Lab (*das Sprachlabor*)

The language lab is a vital component of this course, as it provides you with speaking, pronunciation and listening practice indispensable to learning a second language in a non-immersion environment. Classroom time alone is not sufficient for successfully acquiring speaking and listening skills.

Learning a new language requires daily and consistent application on your part. It is better to do a moderate amount of review and study each day than to wait and attempt to absorb large amounts of material in one sitting. Learning another language also demands regular practice articulating sounds and expressions. Hence, language lab work is essential and mandatory.

Each week you will be given lab work and/or testing that may be done either in the lab (AE 200) or off-site. Every week, you must submit your lab assignments by Thursday at 5 pm the latest.

Language lab assistants are available during lab hours to provide assistance to language students. Your instructor is available to provide assistance with lab assignments as well.

### Tests (*die Prüfungen*)

There will be no scheduled mid-term or final exam in this course. Instead, a series of cumulative tests will be given over the course of the semester. They may include aural and oral components.

Modern Languages policy states that the last test will NOT be returned to students to keep. Students may see their marked last test in class or in the instructor's office, but must return them immediately.

## Oral Exam (*die Mündliche Prüfung*)

An oral exam or oral presentations will be held at the end of the semester.

### Rules for Success in this Class

- Be on time and ready to work at the beginning of each class. The door closes precisely at the beginning of each class.
- Do not engage in any non-course work.
- Unless otherwise stated, computers, iPads, cell phones and other electronic devices remain turned off and put away during class.
- It is vitally important that you come prepared to each class session having fully completed all learning activities assignments.
- Review daily and prepare for your upcoming classes.
- Support your classmates.
- Be open, coachable and willing to make mistakes.

### COURSE SUPPORT WEBSITES

- **Moodle:** You have access to your grades through Moodle. You have to enroll in our Moodle course using the Moodle Course Identification and Enrolment Key listed below. To access Moodle on the Internet, use the Moodle quick link from the TRU homepage ([www.tru.ca](http://www.tru.ca)).

Moodle Course Identification:	GERM 1110_01 (Fall 2016)
Enrolment Key:	GERM1110Ng

Please identify yourself on Moodle with the same name you use in class and provide an email address that you check regularly.

- **TRUBox:** Additional helpful course resources are continuously posted throughout the semester at <http://germ1110.trubox.ca/>. There, you will find several essential and useful resources such as the course outline, flashcards, videos, dictionaries, and other German websites and videos. As the course progresses, the website will become richer and richer. Check in at least once per week.
- **iLrn:** This state of the art website accompanies your textbook, *German 1110 & 1210*. Through iLrn you can access your textbook electronically and take advantage of all its outstanding e-features (e.g. pronunciation help, fill in exercises, flashcards, etc.). In addition, you will use iLrn to do most of your *Sprachlabor* exercises. It is important that you sign up for iLrn in the first week of school so you are ready to go.

GERM 1110: Website Overview	
Weekly overview of assignments and assessment	iLrn ( <a href="http://ilrn.heinle.com">http://ilrn.heinle.com</a> )
Sprachlabor (unless otherwise indicated)	iLrn ( <a href="http://ilrn.heinle.com">http://ilrn.heinle.com</a> )
Course info and support materials (e.g. course outline, videos, vocab flashcards and other learning materials for each <i>Kapitel</i> )	TRUBox ( <a href="http://germ1110.trubox.ca/">http://germ1110.trubox.ca/</a> )
Viewing your grades (only)	Moodle ( <a href="http://www.tru.ca">www.tru.ca</a> )

## GERMAN & TRU POLICIES

### Always Speak German

When interacting with Frau Ng, you must always speak German. If you don't know a word, look it up or say "Wie sagt man... auf Deutsch?" While in our classroom, you are also encouraged to speak German with your peers. Bottom line, you only learn to speak German by speaking it. So speak it IMMER-always.

### Missed Work

If you have a valid note (doctor, field school instructor, coach) for your absence, you will be given the opportunity to do missed work/tests/orals without penalty as long as it has not yet been marked and returned to the class. If it has been marked and returned, you must discuss the situation with your instructor, Frau Ng. If you do not have a valid reason, **the mark will be zero**. Missing class for employment is not considered a valid reason.

In the event of a missed test, if your instructor is not available to invigilate an alternative testing time for you, you may be required to write missed exams at the TRU Assessment Centre. There is a charge for this service.

### Academic Honesty

*Cheating will not be tolerated.* The TRU policy on academic honesty applies in full in all Modern Languages courses. All work must be your own original work. Plagiarism in any form will result in immediate failure on the project, and/or failure of the course. Plagiarism is subject to the penalties referred to under "Academic Honesty" (TRU Calendar) Policy # ED (24)-5-0.

### TRU Scent-Reduced Policy

As TRU is a scent-reduced environment, you are asked, for the courtesy of others, to limit the amount of scented products you wear during class.

### Official TRU Undergraduate Grading System

A+ 90-100	A 85-89	A- 80-84
B+ 77-79	B 73-76	B- 70-72
C+ 65-69	C 60-64	C- 55-59
D 50-54	F 0-49	

**DNC** Did not complete the course – no official withdrawal or less than 50% of coursework completed.

## COURSE SYLLBUS

Please keep in mind that the syllabus below is a guide only. Some days we will accomplish more than is scheduled and some days less. What is most important is that you read the assigned pages in the textbook by doing the exercises and studying the vocabulary **before you come to class**. I will interact with you assuming that you have prepared the material in advance!

We will NOT do all the assigned exercises in class. I will select exercises for detailed practice and spot check the others to make sure you understand the grammar and can use the vocabulary properly. If you have questions about any of the exercises which are not covered in class, please ask for help.

## GERM 1110: Syllabus

Woche	Tag	Datum	Fokus	Quize & Prüfungen	Hauaufgaben
<b>1. Woche</b>	<b>Beginnen wir! Schritt 1</b>				
		Mittwoch, der 7. September	Willkommen, Schritt 1		
		Kein Sprachlabor			
2. Woche	Montag, der	12. Septeber	Schritt 1 & 2		
	Mittwoch, der	14. September	Schritt 2 & 3	Vokabular Quiz 1	
	Sprachloabor 1				
3. Woche	Montag, der	19. September	Schritt 3 & 4		
	Mittwoch, der	21. September	Schritt 4 & 5	Vokabular Quiz 2	Hausaufgabe 1
	Sprachlabor 2				
4. Woche	Montag, der	26. September	Schritt 5		
	Mittwoch, der	28. September	Schritt 5		
	Sprachlabor 3				
<b>5. Woche</b>	<b>Kapitel 1: Familie Länder Sprachen</b>				
	Montag, der	3. Oktober	Seite 30-36	Prüfung 1	
	Mittwoch, der	5. Oktober	Seite 30-36		
	Sprachlabor 4				
6. Woche	Montag, der	10. Oktober	Keine Uni	Erntedankfest	
	Mittwoch, der	12. Oktober	Seite 37-39	Vokabular Quiz 3	
	Sprachlabor 5				
7. Woche	Montag, der	17. Oktober	Seite 40-44		
	Mittwoch, der	19. Oktober	Seite 40-44	Vokabular Quiz 4	Hausaufgabe 2
	Sprachlabor 6				
8. Woche	Montag, der	24. Oktober	Seite 45-54		
	<b>Kapitel 2: Lebensmittel und Geschäfte</b>				
	Mittwoch, der	26. Oktober	Seite 56-62	Prüfung 2	
	Sprachlabor 7				
9. Woche	Montag, der	31. Oktober	Seite 63		
	Mittwoch, der	2. November	Seite 64-68	Vokabular Quiz 4	
	Sprachlboar 8				
10. Woche	Montag, der	7. November	Seite 64-68		
	Mittwoch, der	9. November	Seite 68-73	Vokabular Quiz 5	Hausaufgabe 3
	Sprachlabor 9				
11. Woche	Montag, der	14. November	Seite 74-81		
	<b>Kapitel 3: Im Restaurant</b>				
	Mittwoch, der	16. November	Seite 82-88	Prüfng 3	
	Sprachlabor 10				
12. Woche	Montag, der	21. November	Seite 89-91		
	Mittwoch, der	23. November	Seite 91-98	Vocabular Quiz 6	Mündliche Prüfung, Teil 1
	Sprachlabor 11				
13. Woche	Montag, der	28. November	Seite 91-98		
	Mittwoch, der	30. November	Seite 99-107	Prüfung 4	
	Kein Sprachlabor				
	<b>Examen</b>				
		TBA			Mündliche Prüfung, Teil 2