

GER272

Intro to Business German

Embark on a dynamic journey into the German business world with our **Intro to Business German** class. This engaging course seamlessly blends language acquisition with practical workplace skills, covering all essential vocabulary and structures. Explore the nuances of business communication in a fun and interactive setting, equipping you with the linguistic tools needed for success in the professional realm. You will elevate your language proficiency and learn how to confidently navigate the German business landscape.

The textbook, ***Fokus Deutsch, Erfolgreich im Alltag und Beruf, B1+ Brückenkurs*** can be purchased at U of T Bookstore.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Acquire linguistic competencies necessary when engaging in conversations and discussions pertaining to professional pathways, aspirations, training and development.
- Acquire fundamental linguistic competencies and contextual knowledge necessary to navigate work environments in the German-speaking world, i.e. ability to understand job advertisements, participate in team meetings, produce summary minutes, react to complaints, etc.
- Acquire linguistic competencies necessary for the successful completion of work-related research and presentations.
- Enhance intercultural competencies and cultural awareness to effectively navigate and engage in German business contexts, fostering respectful communication, collaboration, and decision-making.

RULES & EXPECTATIONS



Respectful



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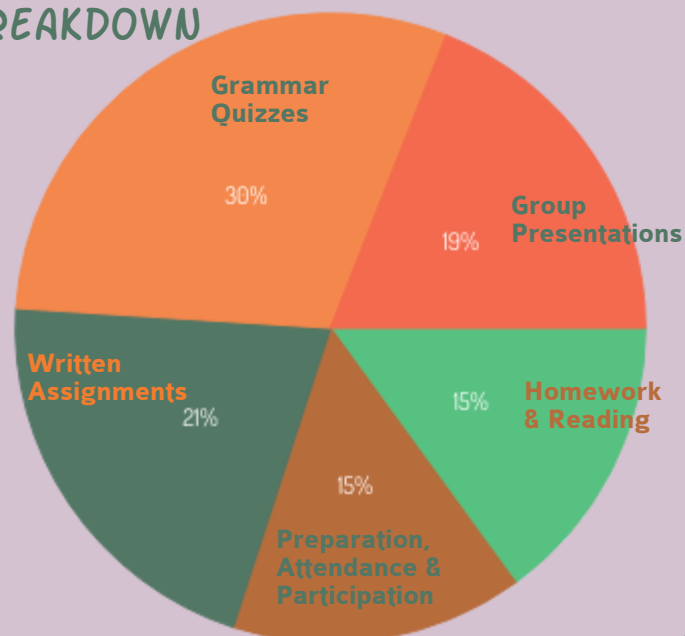


On Time

Class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-12pm in CR103

Students are expected to come to class prepared and on time. Please always bring your textbook, homework binder, notebook and writing utensils.

GRADE BREAKDOWN



ASSIGNMENTS

GRAMMAR QUIZZES

We will write 3 Grammar Quizzes this term. Each quiz will be written in class and will take approximately 30-40 minutes. Quizzes will test grammatical structures covered in class. Make-up Quizzes will be possible only with a note from the Registrar's Office. Dates and content details can be found in the Semester Schedule.

WORK EMAILS

You will complete 3 written assignments. They will be written in class and consist of a draft, final version and a peer review. Dates and content details can be found in the Semester Schedule. Make-up written assignments will be possible only with a note from the Registrar's Office. Dates and content details can be found in the Semester Schedule.

GROUP PRESENTATIONS

This term, you and 2 or 3 of your peers will form a group and work on a presentation. You will select the topic of your presentation from a list provided by your course instructor. Presentations will have a strong research component and take place in the last two weeks of classes. Further details will be provided in class.

ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION

This course meets for a 2-hour block twice a week. Each student is allowed one unexcused absence. Every subsequent unexcused absence will result in 10% reduction of the A&P grade. An excused absence is one that has been reported on ACORN or with a college registrar. Please review the A&P Rubric for expectations and assessment criteria.

HOMEWORK

You will be assigned weekly homework from the textbook and additional materials provided in class. Homework assignments must be completed in the HW binder provided and will be collected on a weekly basis.

READING TASKS

You will be assigned reading comprehension tasks on a regular basis. They will be handed out along with the homework assignments.

U of T POLICIES

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY STATEMENT

We take Academic Integrity very seriously here! Academic integrity is defined as the pursuit of scholarly activity in an open, honest and responsible manner. All students should act with personal integrity, respect other students' dignity, rights and property, and help create and maintain an environment in which all can succeed through the fruits of their efforts. Dishonesty of any kind will not be tolerated in this course. Dishonesty includes, but is not limited to impersonation, cheating, plagiarizing, fabricating information or citations, facilitating acts of academic dishonesty by others, having unauthorized possession of examinations, submitting work of another person or work previously used without informing the instructor, using online translators, or tampering with the academic work of other students. Students who are found to be dishonest will receive academic sanctions and will be reported to the University's Judicial Affairs office for possible further disciplinary sanction. For more, please visit U of T's Office of the Governing Council.

ACCESSIBILITY

The German Department is committed to ensuring that all students have equal access to programs, facilities, and admissions. This course welcomes students with diverse learning styles and needs. If you have a consideration or a circumstance that requires specific accommodation for attending online course sessions, participating in group-work, or completing homework and assignments, we invite you to contact the course instructors and Accessibility Services (accessibility.services@utoronto.ca) as soon as possible to make necessary arrangements.



Willkommen bei
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