German 201 / 34305

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Instructor Contact Expectations:

The best way to contact me is email: anne_schreiber@cuesta.edu. I generally respond to emails within 24 hours on weekdays. During busy times of the semester, the response time may be 48 hours. On Saturdays, I will do my best to get back to you that day but I cannot guarantee a response. I don’t check email on Sundays.

Course Environment

1) This online course uses Cuesta's web-based learning platform system, Canvas, to convey course information, assign and submit homework (other than online workbook exercises; see below), and maintain contact between the instructor and students. The course Canvas site is where you will find presentations, other data files, tools to receive and send course materials, and your course grade book. 2) You will also use a separate site, BlinkLearning, that is tied to the course textbook, Impuls Deutsch 1. You will use BlinkLearning to complete online workbook exercises. 3) You will also need a webcam for your weekly required virtual classes using Zoom. The instructor will provide you with the URL to log onto your weekly Zoom virtual class. See the syllabus for system requirements for Zoom.

Class opens / Accessing Canvas

Prior to the week classes start, you will receive an email to your my.Cuesta.edu address with log in information for Canvas. You can access Canvas by logging into MyCuesta, then clicking on the Resources tab, then on Canvas in the Online Learning Channel; or by typing the Canvas address (https://cuesta.instructure.com/) into your browser address bar. Do not bookmark the Canvas site after your login, or you will get an error message next time you try to log in.

If you are not familiar with Canvas, please refer to the Canvas Quick Reference Guide. Be sure to read all the information on the course home page.

If you have difficulty logging into Canvas by Monday, January 20, and need assistance, please technical support: support@my.cuesta.edu or me: anne_schreiber@cuesta.edu

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Online Learning

If you have never taken an online class or if you have never used Canvas, make sure to allow yourself time to adjust to online learning and to using Canvas. Online classes are not inherently easier. You should expect to spend at least as much time, if not more, on this course as you would on a language class that meets face to face. Since there is no in-class lecture component, much of your study time for this course will be self-directed. If you’re not self-disciplined about time management and completing homework, you will get behind and it will be hard to catch up. This course requires a substantial amount of reading, viewing videos and presentations, studying, and writing. It is completely online: all coursework (discussions, assignments, quizzes) is submitted online. There are no live face-to-face meetings. However, there are mandatory weekly virtual class sessions; these are small groups of 2-4 students, and me, the instructor. Each weekly session is 30 minutes. Schedule a minimum of 8 hours per week of study and homework for this class.

IS THIS AN ONLINE CLASS FOR YOU? Go to the Online Readiness Resources to take a self-assessment and see if an online class is right for you. There you’ll find resources to help you understand the basis for an online class and the skills necessary for success.

Regular Effective Contact Policy

Regular and effective instructor contact will be met through weekly required virtual class sessions using Zoom (see above and syllabus); discussion forums; announcements; timely feedback on assignments; email or messaging to individuals; and virtual office hours. Students should log in to Canvas a minimum of twice weekly, to check announcements, confirm assignments and submit homework, and read feedback on homework.

Course Description

Introduces standard, contemporary German in a topics-based framework; emphasizes listening comprehension, culture-centered readings and written responses, and oral communication.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate aural-oral proficiency in conversations with native and non-native speakers, using standard and idiomatic German in the present tense.
2. Demonstrate reading and writing proficiency in written exchanges with native and non-native speakers, using standard and idiomatic German in the present tense.
3. Demonstrate reading proficiency when interpreting texts written in standard and idiomatic German in the present tense; demonstrate dictionary skills.
4. Demonstrate writing proficiency when composing and revising, using standard and idiomatic German in present tense; demonstrate dictionary skills.
5. Comprehend, discuss, and demonstrate knowledge of cultural topics in German-speaking cultures.

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Text Book and Materials

- Bundle costs $98 and includes print textbook + online access to workbooks and exercises (access code valid for 14 months)
- *Impuls* (textbook and workbooks) is used for German 201 and German 202; no additional textbook is required for German 202.
- Supplemental technology tools outside Canvas:
  - Zoom (app is free for students, but you will need updated software and a webcam for virtual class sessions; see syllabus for system requirements)
  - BlinkLearning access (access code provided with purchase of *Impuls*)
  - Adobe reader
  - Microsoft Office for Free (including word and powerpoint)

Technical Support

Cuesta students should direct technical support inquiries to support@my.cuesta.edu. Or contact the Canvas Support Hotline at (877) 921-7680, or click on the help button on the Canvas Navigation to report a problem.

Canvas is best accessed from a desktop or laptop computer, using Firefox or Chrome, not from your mobile device. Review the browser requirements and minimum computer specifications.

Accommodations

This course is designed using an accessible Learning Management System. Course materials have been created with ADA compliance in mind. If you have a disability and might need accommodations in this class, such as extended time on exams or other resources, please contact the instructor as soon as possible so you can receive appropriate accommodations in a timely manner. Also contact DSPS (Disabled Student Programs & Services) at 805-546-3148.

College & Course Policies

**Academic Honesty Policy:** In addition to the instructor’s course policy (see syllabus), please note that all students attending San Luis Obispo County Community College District at any district site, and/or when representing Cuesta College in any off-campus activity, assume an obligation to conduct themselves in an acceptable manner compatible with the Student Code of Conduct. Please review the Cuesta College Student Code of conduct.

**Add / Drop Policy:** Please review the information in the syllabus and Cuesta policies:
- [Add Policy](#)
- [Drop Policy](#)

**Waitlist Policy:** Please review the information in the syllabus and Cuesta policies: Cuesta’s waitlist procedure and instructions