**GERM 30201**
**Advanced Composition – Frühling 2014**
Tuesdays/Thursdays 9:30 am – 10:45am Capers 207

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**Required Texts:**

**Recommended:**
a good German-English/English-German dictionary and *501 German Verbs*

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**Course Description and Goals**
This course focuses on advanced writing skills in German. The focus on writing skills will be supported by work with reading, speaking and listening, and culture, as well as review of grammatical structures. Students should acquire greater proficiency in writing by the end of the semester. We will practice different kinds of writing, such as description, narration, interviewing and summarizing an interview, reviewing books, movies, and restaurants, and reporting events. Along with each form of writing, there will be targeted grammar review of topics pertinent to the writing assignment.

**Expectations**

- **Participation**
Successful language learning depends on active class participation. Class participation includes coming to class prepared (i.e. completing all homework), as well as checking email for announcements. Your participation grade will reflect your contribution to class (for example: being present and punctual, answering and asking questions, being prepared when called on, being a team player in group work, and avoiding English, staying awake and focused in class, and bringing the required materials).

- **Attendance**
Attendance is mandatory. Official Citadel attendance policy will be followed. Students must notify the professor at least 24 hours in advance of any planned absence and submit homework in advance. Students must make an effort to reschedule guard duty when it conflicts with class, and tests may not be missed due to guard duty (The White Book, p. 86-7). Furthermore, "For any student, absences, whether authorized or unauthorized, in excess of 20% of the meetings of a particular course can, at the discretion of the professor, result in a grade of F in that course" (Blue Book, p. 86).

- **Homework:**
Your success in learning German depends heavily on the time spent studying and preparing outside of class. Daily homework in the *Arbeitsbuch* or on *Facebook* is listed on the *Semesterplan*. See the Assignment Key below for guidelines on specific assignments.

No late homework will be accepted, except in extraordinary circumstances and by arrangement with your Professor. (Forgetting, printer problems, guard duty, training exercises, etc, do not qualify as extraordinary circumstances.)

**Plan of Action**
We will “publish” a newsletter. Students will work in groups to put out issues of the class newsletter and will solicit, choose, and edit the articles, lay out, and finally distribute the newsletter. The articles will come from a series of writing assignments. Each assignment will be subject to a system of rough drafts and peer review. In addition to writing, students will read and discuss representative pieces and study grammar.
Assessment:
Several Writing Assignments 40%
Quizzes (vocab/grammar/culture), announced and unannounced 15%
Homework 15%
Class Participation (work on the newsletter and class work) 15%
Final (Thursday, May 1st, 8:00am) 15%

Translation Programs: Use of online translators, translation software, etc. is cheating and will not be tolerated.

Tutoring and extra help: Your professor is available to help. You are also encouraged to seek out the German tutor at the Academic Support Center. Consult with your professor before receiving help from anyone else.

Cheating/Plagiarism: All work submitted must be your own. Copying texts or essays found in print or online, whether in full or in part, is cheating. Using phrases you have learned from the textbook/workbook is not plagiarism, as long as you are personalizing the information.

The Syllabus and Semesterplan are subject to change.

Assignment Key and Guide

Arbeitsbuch:
Readings, vocabulary exercises and writing activities assigned out of the workbook. Complete on a separate sheet of paper, correct in a different color using the answer key at the back of the book, and submit.
Ü = assignment in Übungsgrammatik

Facebook:
Brief posts in a course facebook community. After creating a profile (instructions below) follow the instructions given for each assignment.

An essay. Detailed instructions will be provided. These assignments must be submitted typed and double spaced.

A corrected writing assignment is due. The corrected assignment must be typed, double spaced, and stapled to the original. Corrections are required and are graded separately from the original essay.