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## Advanced Placement German Language and Culture

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**Willkommen!** AP German Language and Culture is an advanced course that incorporates the three modes of communication (**interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational**) in order to build communicative skills and cultural understanding of the German language and culture. The course focuses on six thematic units (**Global Challenges, Science and Technology, Contemporary Life, Personal and Public Identities, Families and Communities** and **Beauty and Aesthetics**) and uses authentic videos, podcasts, films, music, newspapers, magazines, original texts, and literary materials. The use of authentic materials ensures that students will have a good understanding of the **products, perspectives and practices** of the German culture and language and will be able to compare the German language and culture with their own. The course is conducted entirely in German and students are also expected to communicate exclusively in German.

Upon completion of the course, the students will be able to take the AP German Language and Culture examination. Successful performance on the examination is thought to be equivalent to the performance of students who have completed five or six semesters of college German language courses. The exam will be given in May.

**Summer Assignment:** In order to maintain proficiency in a world language, it is imperative to immerse yourself in the language over the long summer break. At the end of each month (June 30th, July 31st, August 31st), you will be required to complete a **minimum of two assignments per month** and to submit them on Schoology by the due date.

You will select one audio/video and one news article in the target language and culture from various news sites that will be provided by the instructor per month: in total, three audio/video and three news articles.

The topics of the audio/video and news article must cover each of the six AP themes:

- Global Challenges
- Science and Technology
- Contemporary Life
- Personal and Personal Identities
- Families and Communities
- Beauty and Aesthetics.

After watching the audio/video, you will record a two minute summary on Schoology. After reading the news article, you will write a 100 word summary and submit the assignment on Schoology. Each assignment will be worth 10 points for a total of 60 points and this will count towards your first marking period grade. The total grade for the summer assignment will be worth approximately 10% of the first marking period grade.

Please adhere to the Audio Recording and Written Summary grading checklists. Late assignments will be lowered one letter grade for each day late.

#### Audio Recording/News Article Summary Checklist

- \_\_\_ Organization: Introduction, Transitions, Conclusion
- \_\_\_ Content: summarize main points and include your opinion or how it relates to your life
- \_\_\_ Comprehensibility: use appropriate and varied vocabulary
- \_\_\_ Time: Two minutes in length for speaking/100 word minimum for writing

**Textbook/Workbook:** You are responsible to bring *Aspekte Neu* textbook and workbook to class every day.

**Grading:** The marking period grade consists of Assessments, Homework, Class Participation and Projects. Grades will be based on a point system. Numerical grades will be based on the number of points earned divided by the number of points for the assignment.

**Assessments:** Students will be given formative and summative assessments for each thematic unit. The AP Scoring Guidelines will be used.

**Homework:** Students are encouraged to study and prepare for the class on a daily basis. Homework assignments may include reading text, writing assignments, language practice, and studying for formative and summative assessments. Homework will be graded as a formative assessment.

**Class Participation:** Students are expected to participate in class instruction, partner work and group work. The class will be taught exclusively in German except for introducing new grammar or when clarification is needed. The students are expected to speak in German with the instructor and with their classmates. The students will have an opportunity to self-assess their daily participation grade. The teacher will assess daily participation by accepting, lowering or increasing the participation points of the students.

**Projects:** Projects will be given throughout the year. Some examples are presentations, films, literature, journals, essays, dramatic interpretation and digital portfolios. The projects will be graded based on the criteria given to the students based on a rubric.

**Notebook:** Students will need a three-ring binder for this class.

**Class Preparation:** Students must bring their textbook, workbook, notebook and pen/pencil to class every day. Students will not be allowed to go to their lockers.

**Behavior:** Appropriate class behavior, as described in the handbook, is expected from all students. A student who disrupts the class will be handled according to school policy in the student handbook.

**Absence:** When a student is absent, he or she should check Schoology for classwork and homework. When a student returns to school from an absence, he or she must hand in make-up work and/or arrange a time with the teacher to make up any missed assessments. Any homework or assessments not made up within **five school days** will result in a grade of zero. For extended illness of more than three consecutive days, special arrangements will be made.

**Practice AP Exam:** All students will be required to take a Practice AP German exam at the beginning of April. It will be graded by the instructor using the AP Scoring Guidelines in order to give students feedback in how to improve for the AP German exam. It will be part of the fourth marking period grade.

**Final Exam:** As according to the parent/student handbook, students maintaining a 90% average will be exempt from the final exam. Taking the AP Exam will not exempt you from the final exam.

Please sign indicating that you and a parent/guardian have read and understood the guidelines. If you have any questions or need extra help, please see the instructor. If the parent/guardians have any questions, please contact me at 610-262-7812 x11334 or [krempasa@nadschools.org](mailto:krempasa@nadschools.org). I am excited to be your teacher this year and look forward to working with you. Viel Spaß und viel Erfolg!

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Student

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian

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