**Willkommen in German class!**

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Online Zoom class!

Los geht’s! So how does this work? There are 4 elements to language learning - **reading**, **writing**, **listening**, and **speaking**! Each skill is necessary to mastering a new language. In class, most things we do are will practice, develop, or enhance one or more of these skills.

*Do not* be scared! Especially when it's their first time, language learning can feel intimidating or scary to some people. Have no fear! We are all here to learn together and everyone should feel safe trying out our new German skills. It's absolutely okay to make mistakes, ask questions, and feel unsure when you're moving along through classes and exercises. The important thing is practice!   
  
Keep this in mind:

**In order to learn a new language, one needs to...**

1. put forth genuine effort

2. be having fun!

**LBCC statement regarding disabilities/accomodations**:

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**Translators/Dicionaries**:

Please be aware of electronic/automated translators!! They can be convenient and “useful,” but they can’t simply make you a better German speaker. Some translators can “get the job done” for *some* things, but there are ways to use them more responsibly. This skill, as well as the “better” translators will be discussed and demonstrated in class.

Are you interested in a real paper German dictionary? Although there are plenty on the market that you may find to be just as good or better, these are the 2 recommended by Herr Karte:

-Oxford German Dictionary

-Langenscheidt German Dictionary (all of their dictionaries are yellow)

**Paperwork/Assignments**:

Language learning takes practice! Papers and all of our class exercises are provided for students strictly to offer opportunity to practice the German language and culture. They are intended to help and sharpen skills, *not* to stress and overwhelm!

In first-year German, topics and grammatical themes include:

Vocabulary Grammar

-Introductions/Goodbyes -≈4 types of verbs!

-Numbers/Letters/Colors -Pronouns

-Telling time -Asking Questions

-Family words and descriptions -Possessive Pronouns

-Hobbies/Free-time Activities -Sentence structure

-School Subjects/Supplies -Nominative/Accusative cases

-Foods/Drinks/Ordering at Restaurants -Conjunctions (2 kinds)

-Clothing -Definite Articles

-Rooms/Household items/Chores -Indefinite Articles

-Weather

Not *all* topics or grammatical themes get to be *fully* covered in a 1-term class. The above list would cover both “Beginning German I” *and* “Beginning German II” as a first-year sequence. There would be a completely different list for the higher level classes like “Intermediate German” and “Advanced German.”

**Extra Resources**:

There are plenty of materials, tools, practices, videos, songs, and movies out there that can help a person become more familiar with the German language/culture. If you have interest or questions about extra resources for German, please feel free to ask about them at any time! There are also some things listed on the Herr Karte website for your convenience.

Thank you very much (or Vielen Dank) for choosing to delve into the world of German language learning. It is an absolute blast! You may end up being surprised how much German you already know, how much you can learn, and how entertaining learning a new language can be.

Don’t forget - the *whole* class is here to help each other and grow. Feel free to ask for support from others and please feel encouraged to support them in their efforts as well!