

INTERNATIONAL/INTERCULTURAL STUDIES 3170  
Topics in International/Intercultural Studies:  
German Language & Culture  
at Karlsruhe University of Applied Sciences, Germany  
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Summer Semester 2008  
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**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** The purpose of this course is to develop in the business student a basic understanding of linguistic, social, economic, political and cultural dimensions of business within contemporary Germany. Students will also develop an elementary proficiency in speaking, writing, and understanding German. This offering delivers to the student a general framework of the dominant institutions effecting German culture and business activity. The instruction will also assist the student in the development of a technique to evaluate business opportunities within the European Community as well as Germany. These objectives will help the U.S. businessperson recognize pertinent principles needed to make appropriate decisions within the context of business in Europe, generally, and Germany, in particular.

**COURSE CONTENT:** The topics include the effects of socio-cultural, economic, geographic, and political differences of the German language and culture within the context of greater Europe. Scheduled field trips include: Munich, Karlsruhe, Switzerland, Austria, Italy and France.

**METHOD OF EVALUATION:** There will be at least three formal opportunities for evaluation during the semester. All evaluations will be counted toward the final grade; no grade will be dropped. Essay, hypothetical, and objective type questions may be used. Students must maintain a daily journal, with appropriate exhibits, demonstrating their perceptions and analysis of their country environment. Students must complete all assigned evaluations to receive a final grade. **The final experience for this course is scheduled for Thursday, July 17, 2008 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Extra credit opportunities will be offered throughout the term. Being involved in these activities may increase the final grade.

**POLICY CONCERNING MAKE-UP TESTS:** Make-up tests will be given only for very good reasons such as documented student illness or death in the family. A student is expected to give notice to the instructor **PRIOR** to the time of the test if he or she must be absent on test day. Make-up tests will be given on Thursday, July 17, 2008.

**ATTENDANCE/PREPARATION/CHEATING POLICIES:** Class attendance, when required, and preparedness are essential to the learning process. Students are expected to be present each class period except when special circumstances make attendance difficult, as in the case of illness. Students must provide a note of explanation for each missed class. We reserve the right to lower the course grade to the next lower grade if an explanatory note for an absence is not provided or if absences exceed 1 meeting. More than two absences may result in

an automatic F. For more information on this matter, see pages 83-84 of the 2007-2008 VSU Undergraduate Catalog. The study of ethics is an important part of INTL 3170. Any student cheating on a graded assignment or extra credit opportunity will earn a failing grade for the course.

AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT (ADA): Students requesting classroom accommodations or modifications because of a documented disability should contact the Access Office for Students with Disabilities located in Room 1115, Nevins Hall. The phone numbers are 229-245-2498 (voice) and 229-219-1348 (tty).

TEXTS:

German Grammar, QuickStudy Guide, BarCharts 2002. ISBN-13 978-157222507-7.

Gschossmann-Hendershot, Feuerle et al., Schaum's Easy Outlines - German, McGraw-Hill, 2000. ISBN 0-07-052717-2.

SCHEDULE OF ASSIGNMENTS FOR INTL 3710

June 30, 2008	The Alphabet and Word Order
July 1, 2008	More Language Tips
July 2, 2008	Useful Phrases
July 3, 2008	Basic Grammar
July 7, 2008	Basic Conversation at the Restaurant
July 8, 2008	More Basic Grammar
July 9, 2008	Useful Phrases
July 10, 2008	More Basic Grammar
July 14, 2008	Simple Conversation
July 15, 2008	Useful Phrases and How to Find Information
July 16, 2008	Useful Phrases and Travel Tips