

# Deutsch III

Frau Meißner

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Herzlich Willkommen in Deutsch III! Ich freue mich sehr, dass du hier bist! To me, the *best* classes are the ones that have students who are prepared for class, who are willing to share their thoughts and work, and who respect their classmates. Great classes bond in hard work and achievement, and the students are willing to take risks to pursue quality. I hope this is such a class. You already know that it takes a great deal of work to learn a second language. I attempt to use best practices in teaching, but much of your success depends on you. This means daily practice and working to master vocabulary and concepts, including those from last year. I will give you many tips on how to be successful in learning German at this level. Many students find they need to learn new study skills at this level.

## Hausaufgabe

German is a subject that requires a great deal of practice. You can expect homework on most days. Homework also means spending time every day learning the vocabulary in whatever way is most helpful for you. My philosophy on homework is that it should help students, not just create busy work for all of us. You are expected to have your homework completed when you arrive in class. We will always grade homework at the beginning of class. Each daily homework assignment is worth 10 points. 5 of these points are for completion; the other 5 points are earned from accuracy. You will grade your own work and make corrections. I also view homework as a place for dialogue and I always give students time to write me individual questions about what they did not understand so that I can clear up issues right away.

In German III, there will be more assignments that deal with reading and writing as well as an emphasis on flavoring expressions. These will make your German sound more like a native speaker. We will also work with more 'real life' materials, including online resources.

## Sprechen

It is essential to practice spoken German in order to improve. Please do not worry that you do not do it perfectly. I would be astounded if you could and then you would not need to be in this class. You will still make plenty of errors. The students who are most successful in the long run are those who are willing to take risks. You really need to work at adding new words and phrases to your active vocabulary. Just keep trying!! Attempting to use more spoken German can only *positively* affect your grade!

## Schulsachen

- One low-odor dry erase marker – blue or black only
- One dry-erase eraser OR one clean white athletic sock
- One 2" three-ring binder with one set of dividers
- One outstanding attitude and willingness to work hard

## Nach diesem Kurs

At the end of this course, you should be able to say all the following statements.

- I can talk and write about events in present perfect, past perfect, and simple past tense.
- I can correctly use German prepositions.
- I can correctly use German word order to form sentences with more than one clause.
- I can read fiction and nonfiction stories/articles and summarize the information.
- I can answer comprehension and inference questions about reading material.
- I can use German to talk and write about German holidays, customs, and geography.

## Unterschriften

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