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General Information

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Credit points

3

Prerequisites

GMN133 or HSC German Extension or Continuers Band 4 or 5 or 6 German

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This intermediate unit is designed to further develop skills in reading, comprehension, speaking and writing. The unit covers fundamental areas of German grammar. The unit is taught in blended mode with a strong online component. Assessment is by online tests, assignments and examination.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

To hear, speak, read and write modern German language in a variety of registers.

To read, listen to, comprehend and discuss a variety of German texts.

To attain a good level of spoken and written German through practice in class and completion of exercises and assignments.

To revise grammatical structures previously studied and learn new structures essential to oral and written fluency and accuracy.

To understand and gain proficiency in the mechanics of writing German.

To gain an appreciation of the German culture through textual (including literature) and aural material introduced in the class resources and discussed in class as well as online.

The unit aims at fostering language skills to level B1, described as follows in the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR): Can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. Can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
<u>5 Online Tests</u>	20%	fortnightly, dates: s. iLearn
<u>5 Assignments</u>	20%	fortnightly, dates: s. iLearn
<u>Class Presentation/Project</u>	10%	Weeks 8-12
<u>Class Participation</u>	10%	Weekly
<u>Final examination</u>	40%	Exam Period

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Weighting: **20%**

Assignments are compulsory and must be submitted on time. As a general rule, extensions will not be granted without a valid and documented reason (e.g. medical certificate). Late submissions will be penalised by 5% for each day (including weekends) the assignment task is late. No assignments will be accepted after assignments have been corrected and feedback has been provided. Assignment tasks handed in early will not be marked and returned before the due date.

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Class Presentation/Project

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Class Participation

Due: **Weekly**

Weighting: **10%**

External students' **participation** consists of regular active engagement with the iLearn platform and, if living in the greater Sydney metropolitan area, **attendance** of the on-campus session.

Preparation: Students are expected to prepare the course work to be covered in class in advance, as set out in programs or announced in class / recordings.

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of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.

Final examination

Due: **Exam Period**

Weighting: **40%**

Examination Period: Students enrolled in units that require them to sit for compulsory examinations (to be held during business hours) during the official examination period must not arrange to go away before the end of the exam period. Exams could be scheduled for Saturdays during that period. Do not expect that alternative examination arrangements can be made for you. The only exceptions to this are:

- a) members of the armed forces who must go away on duty;
- b) students representing Australia or the University in a national or international sporting or cultural event;
- c) students proceeding to a period of study in a foreign country, associated with their Macquarie program of study.

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Delivery and Resources

CLASSES

Lectures times and locations

Practicals: Tuesday 9-11am		Room and staff t.b.c.
Seminars: Thursday 9-11am		

Students will attend both classes, ie.

Practical 1 and Seminar 1 OR

Practical 2 and Seminar 2. (if offered)

For current updates, lecture times and classrooms please consult the MQ Timetables website: <http://www.timetables.mq.edu.au>.

For external students there will be one **on-campus session on the Saturday of Teaching Week 2, 10 am to 1 pm. The exact date and venue will be announced in iLearn.**

REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED TEXTS AND/OR MATERIALS

The unit is based on

a textbook:

- Perlmann-Balme, M. et al (2008): *em neu Hauptkurs 2008. Deutsch als Fremdsprache Niveaustufe B2. Kursbuch*. Ismaning: Max Hueber Verlag.

and workbook:

- Orth-Chambah, J. (2008): *em neu Hauptkurs. Deutsch als Fremdsprache Niveaustufe B2. Arbeitsbuch*. Ismaning: Max Hueber Verlag.

together with the audio-material for the course provided online via the iLearn online platform.

Please do not use earlier editions as the content has been modified in the latest edition.

GRAMMARS

If you have not studied grammar in much detail yet, the following text is recommended as an introduction:

- Zorach, C. & Melin, Ch. **English Grammar for Students of German**. The Olivia and Hill Press 2001.

A more comprehensive overview of German grammar can be found in the following German grammar, written in English:

- Kars, J., Häussermann, U. & J. Hime-Everschor **German Elementary Grammar** Frankfurt: Diesterweg 1993.

A very comprehensive German grammar written in German for the language learner who is already familiar with grammatical terminology is:

- Dreyer, H. & R. Schmitt **Lehr- und Übungsbuch der deutschen Grammatik. Die Gelbe aktuell**. Hueber 2009 or later.

In addition to explanations of German grammar, there are numerous exercises, which will be covered in the Advanced German units (GMN 310 & GMN 311).

Another very comprehensive grammar written in English for learners of German familiar with grammatical terminology is :

- Durell, M. / Hammer, A. **Hammer's German Grammar and Usage (5th edition)** Hodder 2011.

DICTIONARIES

You will need to work with a German dictionary in this course. A smaller dictionary (e.g. Collins, Pons, Langenscheidt etc) will be sufficient for this unit, but for continued study of German you might want to buy a more comprehensive one.

A dictionary which is sufficiently comprehensive to take you through your complete program of German studies is:

- Terrell, P. et al **Collins German-English, English-German** (Großwörterbuch Deutsch-Englisch, Englisch-Deutsch)

We suggest that you start working with a monolingual dictionary as soon as possible. In a monolingual dictionary, an explanation of the German word is given in German. There is one such dictionary written with the intermediate and upper intermediate level learner of German in mind, which we recommend:

- Götz, D., Haensch, G. & H. Wellmann **Langenscheidts Großwörterbuch Deutsch als Fremdsprache** Berlin/München: Langenscheidt (latest edition)
- A good online dictionary is <http://dict.leo.org/>

UNIT WEBPAGE AND TECHNOLOGY USED AND REQUIRED

Unit webpage

To access GMN 287 Intermediate German I online please refer to the following link: <http://ilearn.mq.edu.a>

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Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

Assessment Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Grievance Management Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance_management/policy.html

Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/>.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

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Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

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Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

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Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

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Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

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Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

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Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

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Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and

country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

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