



INTS6000

Reading Academic Texts in German I

Session 1, Weekday attendance, North Ryde 2020

Department of International Studies

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General Information

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Credit points

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Prerequisites

Admission to MRes

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

The aim of this reading course is to introduce students to the main principles of the German language in order to enable them to read academic texts in German. They will develop a basic vocabulary and insight into grammatical structures, practice language learning techniques, use relevant tools such as dictionaries (both general and specialist dictionaries) and computer-based translation programs. Students will acquire a reading strategy enabling them to unravel and translate more complex texts, thus preparing them with the tools to access scholarly work in their research discipline.

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:

ULO1: Identify basic and more complex structures of German as they appear in academic writing.

ULO2: Analyse the structures of written German to a degree sufficient to allow for translation into English with the help of specialist and non-specialist dictionaries.

ULO3: Use print and online resources in aid of comprehension and translation of

German academic texts.

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ULO5: Demonstrate a reading strategy for working with academic texts in German.

Assessment Tasks

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Assessment details are no longer provided here as a result of changes due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Students should consult [iLearn](#) for revised unit information.

[Find out more about the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and potential impacts on staff and students](#)

General Assessment Information

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Criteria and standards of grading are explained with each of the assessment tasks. Assessment tasks must be submitted by the specified due date and will be returned online. For details, see the iLearn site. Extensions can only be granted in exceptional cases and require application in accordance with the Special Consideration Policy (see link below) before the assignment is due. - To complete the unit successfully, the student will need to submit all pieces of written work and to achieve an overall mark of 50% or above.

Late submission of assessment - Penalty

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, (a) a penalty for lateness will apply – two (2) marks out of 100 will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date – and (b) no assignment will be accepted more than seven (7) days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline. No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments – e.g. quizzes, online tests.

Delivery and Resources

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Any references to on-campus delivery below may no longer be relevant due to COVID-19.

Please check here for updated delivery information: https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/pub/display/unit_status

DELIVERY

Day class for on-campus students (Mondays 4-6 pm). This unit has an accompanying iLearn

website where students have access to all the study materials and exercises.

Times and Locations for Lectures and Tutorials: for current updates, lecture times and classrooms please consult the the MQ Timetables website www.timetables.mq.edu.au

Required and recommended resources:

- required: access to a good size (!) German-English / English-German Dictionary such as Harper / Collins (PONS) *Unabridged Dictionary: German - English, English - German* or Oxford-Duden *Unabridged Dictionary: German - English, English - German* (note: further recommendations will be made in Week 1)
- required: unit materials available on the iLearn site and built week by week into a complete textbook by Week 12.
- recommended: Durrell / Kohl / Loftus / Kaiser, *Essential German Grammar*, 2nd edition, Routledge: 2015, ISBN 978-1-138-78581-6

TECHNOLOGY USED AND REQUIRED

Online Unit

Login is via: <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/> Is my unit in iLearn?: https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/ilearn_unit_status/ to check when your online unit will become available.

Technology

Students are required to have regular access to a computer and the internet. Mobile devices alone are not sufficient.

For students attending classes on campus we strongly encourage that you bring along your own laptop computer, ready to work with activities in your online unit. The preferred operating system is Windows 10.

Students are required to access the online unit in iLearn **by the end of Week 1** and follow any relevant instructions and links for downloads that may be required. If applicable, students are required to download the relevant language package **prior to Week 2**.

Please contact your course convenor before the end of Week 1 if you do not have a suitable laptop (or tablet) for in-class use.

- For **central technical support** go to: http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/
- For **student quick guides** on the use of iLearn go to: <https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/tools-and-resources/ilearn/ilearn-quick-guides-for-student>

Unit Schedule

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	Texts	Grammar points for discussion
Week 1	Texts 1 and 2	Introduction (1): cognates, spelling, pronunciation, haben & sein
Week 2	Book titles, Dictionary entries	Introduction (2): singular / plural, gender, genitive constructions
Week 3	Text 3	Compound nouns, verbs (1), pronouns (1)
Week 4	Text 3	"Core sentence", adjectives, verbs (2)
Week 5	Text 4	Verbs (3): separable verbs, modal verbs, reflexive verbs
Week 6	Text 4	Word order (1), verbs (4): past participles
Week 7	Text 5	Verbs (5): the past tenses - Online Test 1
Week 8	Text 5	Past participles in various functions, case system and word order, pronouns (2)
Week 9	Text 6	Subordinate clauses, conjunctions
Week 10	Text 6	Present participles, expanded noun phrase (1)
Week 11	Text 7	Expanded noun phrase (2), "da-compounds"
Week 12	Text 7	Passive voice
Week 13	-----	Online Test 2

A more detailed Unit Schedule with the due dates for Assignments is available on the iLearn site for this unit.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4*

December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/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/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

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 help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

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

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IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

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