

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

for German Class

## **What is due for the next class?**

- [Check Canvas "Hausaufgaben" button for worksheet or other assignment.
- [Worksheet can be printed on paper, filled out on notebook paper, or on computer – online submission is also possible if you prefer that.
- [Worksheets are due at the beginning of class.
- [Worksheets are titled with the day they are DUE in class (example: "Arbeitsblatt für Tag 2").

# What do I do with VHL Supersite?

- [ Activate VHL Supersite access soon! Exercises very useful for learning our material. (Also worth 10% of course grade.)
- [ Short online exercises each night, which are to be done on your own time. Just follow links from Canvas site.
- [ You can do the exercises any time until the end of the semester, but it is recommended to stay up to date.
- [ Other useful parts of VHL Supersite: the electronic version of the textbook, extra exercises and study aids, grammar charts and explanations, Fotoroman (telenovela) video.

# How do I contact the instructor?

- [ Email ([nthuleen@miracosta.edu](mailto:nthuleen@miracosta.edu)) is absolute best option
- [ Please also keep an eye on YOUR email for announcements
- [ I only rarely check cell phone messages or texts

# What about absences?

- [EMAIL when you are absent, for your benefit and mine.
- [Absences will affect participation grade, especially more than 2-3 absences in the semester.
- [If you miss several classes in a row without contacting me, you may be dropped from the class!

# What if I miss a test?

- [EMAIL to reschedule, prior to test if at all possible.
- [If no contact, it may be a 0.
- [Take test on your next day back in class.
- [There are no “dropped” tests, all count toward your grade.
- [There are no re-takes on tests once you take it, so if you are not prepared on a test day, please ask for an extension and take the test 1-3 days later.

# What counts for a grade in the class?

- [ Homework Worksheets (10%)
- [ Participation (10%)
- [ Online VHL Supersite: (10%)
- [ Chapter Tests (25%)
- [ Writing Projects (15%)
- [ Oral Interview (5%)
- [ Final Exam (25%)

## Can I use Google Translate?

- [ NEVER use a translator for more than 1-2 words at a time.
- [ Sentences and phrases fail badly and are often incomprehensible.
- [ Treat online translators like a dictionary (one word).
- [ Overuse of translators is considered plagiarism, it is not YOUR creation.
- [ Grades can be substantially lowered for translated material

# How should I study?

- [ Quizlet or other flash cards, online activities, reading handouts and textbook
- [ **STUDY GROUPS** or partners are a wonderful idea
- [ Try to maximize exposure to German
- [ Vocabulary might be “crammed” before a test, but learning a language and grammar cannot.
- [ Spend some time on German every day!

# Any Questions?

- [ Check Canvas for nearly everything!
- [ Feel free to email [nthuleen@miracosta.edu](mailto:nthuleen@miracosta.edu) .
- [ Available to consult before class, check Canvas for location and times of Office Hours.