

# **COURSE OUTLINE**

## **GERM-201**

### **Intermediate German I**

**4 Semester Hours**

## **HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

### **Description**

Students in this second year course will use the skills needed to listen, speak, write and read in the context of a series of communicative activities. They will expand their knowledge of the German speaking world and will, through the use of multimedia create a personal project reflective of individual interests in German. Instruction focuses on oral communication, and is supported by a computerized classroom and conversation specialists. (4 hours weekly in class and lab)

### **Statement on General Education and Liberal Learning**

A liberal education prepares students to lead ethical, productive, and creative lives and to understand how the pursuit of lifelong learning and critical thinking fosters good citizenship. General education courses form the core of a liberal education within the higher education curriculum and provide a coherent intellectual experience for all students by introducing the fundamental concepts and methods of inquiry in the areas of mathematics, the physical and natural sciences, the social sciences, the arts and the humanities, and composition. This course is part of the general education core experience at Howard Community College.

### **Overall Course Objectives**

Upon completion of this course students will:

1. Speak German with correct pronunciation and with sufficient fluency to handle successfully travel-related and social situations including those topics listed below:
  - A. Traveling by train and airplane
  - B. Using the postal system
  - C. Discussing hobbies, health and emotions
  - D. Discussing theater, opera, movies, television and fairy tales
2. Understand German spoken at a normal speed in a classroom situation or in conversation pertaining to #1 above.
3. Read and discuss selections from the text on Switzerland, leisure activities, the mass media and fairy tales.
4. Utilize properly the following grammatical points in both spoken and written German:
  - A. Genitive case
  - B. Time expressions
  - C. Sentence structure (types of adverbs, sequence of adverbs, position of nicht)
  - D. Endings of preceded adjectives
  - E. Reflexive verbs
  - F. Infinitive with zu
  - G. Verbs with prepositional objects
  - H. Da- and wo- compounds
  - I. Endings of unpreceded adjectives
  - J. Simple past tense

- K. Conjunctions **als**, **wenn**, **wann**
- L. Past perfect tense

5. Understand some of the behavior patterns and culture of the German speaking people as discussed in class and particularly in regards to the topics listed in #1 above.

### **Major Topics**

- I. Review of essential vocabulary and grammar from German 101-102.
- II. Vocabulary for traveling and using the postal system and telephone
  - a. Genitive case, time expressions, sentence structure
  - b. Culture pertaining to Switzerland
- III. Vocabulary for hobbies, health, and the body
  - a. Endings of preceded adjectives, reflexive verbs, infinitives with **zu**
  - b. Culture pertaining to leisure-time activities
- IV. Vocabulary for the theater, opera, movies, and television
  - a. Verbs with prepositional objects, **da-** and **wo-** compounds, endings of unpreceded adjectives
  - b. Culture pertaining to the influence of mass media
- V. Vocabulary for emotions, personal characteristics, relationships
  - a. Simple past tense, conjunctions **als**, **wenn**, **wann**, past perfect tense
  - b. Culture pertaining to study of fairy tales

### **Course Requirements**

#### **Grading/Exams**

Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include: Exams (2); Oral exit interview; Quizzes; Cultural report; Workbook; Class Participation.

Students will write a three page report on an aspect of German culture relating to course material. This report will be presented to the class.

#### **Other Course Information**

This course is an Arts and Science elective, a Humanities elective, and a Humanities core.

This course is a core requirement for languages.

This course fulfills the cultural diversity requirement.