

# Deutsch Drei

*Herzlich Willkommen im Deutschunterricht und neuen Schuljahr!*

This handout will provide you and your family with an overview of German III.

## Course Description

German III is an elective course that builds upon and increases student knowledge of the concepts presented in previous levels of German study. It is a continuation in the development of skill in speaking, listening, reading, and writing in the German language. Readings are often cultural in nature, allowing further insight into the culture of German-speaking countries. ***A transition from English to German as the primary language spoken in the classroom will occur.*** Because of the challenging nature of this course, students may be able to earn college credit from UMSL for their work.

## Die Literatur und die Grammatik

Our texts for the year will include a variety of grammar and vocabulary materials, short stories and poetry, the next level of the *geni@l* series, and a variety of readers, such as ***Gänsebraten und andere Geschichten, Till Eulenspiegel, and Märchenland.*** Beyond the standard classroom supplies, ***students need to purchase a standard pocket German-English/ English-German dictionary at the start of the school year.*** They should plan to have the dictionary as soon as possible, but no later than the beginning of September.

Grammar topics for the year will expand upon previous learning. In contrast to previous levels of German, the readings and discussion topics will guide our grammatical study. We will learn what we need when we need it to improve our fluency in and comprehension of German.

## Success in Class

Good study skills, regular attendance, and strong self-motivation remain the hallmarks of the successful language student. It is crucial for you to complete all daily assignments, maintain up-to-date vocabulary lists and grammar notes, review topics and materials frequently, ask questions, and ***participate actively and regularly in class (contrary to what you may have heard, breathing does not qualify as active participation).*** Class participation in German is a major component of the quarter grade: 1Q = approximately 15% of quarter grade. Thereafter, you may expect it to constitute a minimum of 20% of the remaining quarter grades. In order to fulfill this class requirement, students should plan to participate in German every day in class. We will focus on making this transition to oral-aural proficiency during the first couple of weeks. In light of our proficiency-based approach, it is particularly critical that you pay attention and participate frequently.

## Useful Websites to Assist Your Learning

Several useful tools out there in cyberspace can facilitate your learning experience. One of the pioneers in internet foreign language is Herr Shea: <http://www.mrshea.com/>. For aid specific to this class, try <http://www.tabney.com>, which includes vocabulary and grammar practices, useful tables, links to German sites, and specific sections for the German literature studied in class.

***Ich wünsche dir viel Spaß und Erfolg!***