

Titusville Fine Arts Initiative **HIGH SCHOOL GERMAN**

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Grade Level: 9th – 12th grade

Prerequisites: none

Textbooks/Apps:

- (1) *Language Hacking German: A Conversation Course for Beginners*, ISBN-10: 147363315X, (currently < \$20). Also available as Kindle eBook (currently < \$15). Amazon: <https://a.co/d/8p5b66g>.
- (2) *German Grammar SparkCharts*, ISBN-10: 1411470400, (currently < \$7). Amazon: <https://a.co/d/8p0ag50>.
- (3) As a starting dictionary, use the free website at <https://www.dict.cc/>; apps are available for iPhone and Android. (Please install the app before the first class.)
 - If you are buying a German-English dictionary (printed or app), I recommend Langenscheidt. I do not recommend Collins German-English dictionaries (I have found deficiencies).
 - If purchasing a used printed dictionary, be sure that it was printed after 1998 (there was a German spelling reform in 1998).
- (4) We will also use free resources for German beginners from Deutsche Welle at <https://learngerman.dw.com/en/beginners/s-62078399>. Please sign up for a free account before class. The free account enables status tracking.

Supplies Required: Cell phone if using for dictionary app; 3-ring binder, 2 inch; red pen

Monthly Tuition: \$120/semester or 4 installments of \$30 due (cash or check)

See installment plan below

Materials Fee: \$20/semester

Class Time: Tuesdays, 9:00-9:55 AM (no class on November 26)

Semester Length: August 13 – December 17

Class Description: To learn a new language, we must speak it. To speak a new language, we must overcome our reluctance to be embarrassed by our mistakes. To overcome our reluctance, we must be willing to laugh at our mistakes. This class is designed to get students to quickly speak broken German and laugh about it. As the semester progresses, each student will develop a personal repertoire of German sentences for use in conversation. I will supplement the text with other materials to polish these sentences by going deeper into pronunciation, grammar, and vocabulary.

The learning objectives of this class are similar to those of first-semester German 1 taught in schools. One obvious difference is that our class will only meet for about an hour a week. In each class period, I will introduce new concepts for the week, and we will discuss additions and revisions to repertoires. Outside of class, students will be expected to work on four of the days between class meetings. The idea is to keep the material fresh but to avoid oversaturation (more days would be fine, but fewer would not be best for language acquisition).

Grading: Grading will not be based on the number of items correctly answered relative to the total but on the number of items attempted and corrected/revised relative to the total. When applicable, answers will be provided for questions, and students will be expected to correct their own work. No attempt will result in no credit, and an uncorrected answer will result in partial credit. We will keep score throughout the semester. Scores will be reported to parents on or before the first Tuesday of each month.

Materials Fee Due at Registration
Installment Plan

1st payment due: September 3

2nd payment due: October 1

3rd payment due: November 5

4th payment due: December 3