AP German Language and Culture 2020-2021
Course Description

AP German Language and Culture is a college level course designed to prepare students for success on the AP German Language and Culture exam, which will allow you to begin at a higher level than most in college or be exempt from some language requirements depending on the schools. Students will continue their exploration of the language, history, culture and practices of the German-speaking world, and will be encouraged to make comparisons and connections with their own culture throughout the year. This course will be taught almost exclusively in German, and students will be required to participate using the target language. Silence is not an option in this course. Students are expected to be mature, to volunteer on their own without needing to be called on.

Students will engage in activities and assignments focused on Interpersonal, Interpretive, and Presentational modes of communication. As a class, we will address the following interdisciplinary themes of the AP exam in German:

1. Globalisierung: Global Challenges
2. Naturwissenschaft und Technologie: Science and Technology
3. Alltag: Contemporary Life
4. Persönliche und öffentliche Identität: Personal and Public Identities
5. Familie und Gemeinschaft: Families and Communities
6. Schönheit und Ästhetik: Beauty and Aesthetics

Course materials include authentic reading materials, German video clips, films and podcasts made for a native speaker audience addressing these interdisciplinary themes. German grammar will be reviewed and taught as needed throughout the year, but is mostly acquired because it is embedded in content in readings and class discussions.

Should I take AP German????

Take AP German if you love learning the language and you have a strong desire to become fluent, understanding that becoming fluent requires stepping out of your comfort zone, working hard and practicing daily. Positive, active participation in class and daily homework are required. This is an enjoyable and fulfilling course for those who are serious about learning.

The expectation is that you make a commitment to use the target language in class everyday, come prepared and be a team player to help everyone enjoy the experience. We can have fun if everyone makes a commitment. Please email me if you have any questions. Here is the breakdown of the exam:
Students preparing to take the AP German exam next May, should be sure to keep practicing over the summer, so you don't lose your momentum. Keep speaking, keep reading and keep your ears tuned in to German! Have fun with the language over the summer! Find fun things to watch and listen to. Keep a summer journal of all the work you do this summer and **be prepared to turn that journal in on the first day we meet, when you return in September.** I recommend a Mead notebook since they are smaller and easy to carry around.
AP Deutsch Sommer Aufgaben: **Due on the first day of school**

1. Join the AP Deutsch Google Classroom: 2cvlfv7

2. Download the **language app BUSUU** and set up weekly practice time to work on grammar skills. It will ask you to take a placement test first. Our goal is to reach B2 by the end of the year. Take notes in your journal on what you learn from BUSUU. Make sure you date your journal entries (Tag/Monat/Jahr)

3. Listen to **2 German Children’s stories on YouTube** and summarize each story in German using the words that you heard trying to make them your own. Here is an example of a story: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=giwrSi4bgM8

4. Watch the following video about **how to write a letter in German** and take notes on the elements of a letter in your journal: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x5S3yGod4vM

5. **Watch a German film or TV show.** Write a letter to a friend and tell them about the film or show. Share your opinions about it with your friend. Ask your friend 4-5 questions. Pay close attention to how you write a letter or email to a friend. Watch this video and follow the guidelines. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5DJQDSU1IMc

6. Try to watch the news (LOGO Nachrichten) once a week and write about what you see in your journal in German. You will learn a lot of new vocabulary. Don’t forget to date your journal entries. You must complete a minimum of 3 LOGO entries.

7. **Deutsche Welle:** Top Thema- **Pick 2 Top Themen**- read the brief summary, listen to audio clip and complete the online activities with each top theme. https://www.dw.com/de/deutsch-lernen/top-thema/s-8031 Keep your journal close and take notes. There is so much to learn here! When you are finished, make a recording no longer than 2 minutes about what you read and upload it on Google Classroom. **You must upload 2 different recordings by the end of the summer.**

**One the first day of school, you will turn in your MEAD notebook that should include dated journal entries about:**

- BUSUU notes
- German children story summaries
- Notes on how to write a letter
- Letter to a friend about German film or TV show
- 3 LOGO journal entries
- Deutsche Welle Top Themen notes