
PETERS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

COURSE SYLLABUS: AP GERMAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Course Overview and Essential Skills

The AP German course is designed to lead students toward mastery of all aspects of the language equal to a third-year college course in composition and conversation. This class is noticeably more rigorous both in and out of class than the other levels. As such, the focus continues to be on the mastery of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Classroom instruction is in the target language.

Course Textbook and Required Materials

- Aspekte, Aspekte-Mittelstufe Deutsch Lehrbuch 1, Langenscheidt, 2007
- Students will also need a binder to organize class notes and handouts.

Course Outline of Material Covered:

Unit or Topic	Concepts/Skills/Resources*	Timeframe
Unit 1: Leute heute	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal attributes• Friendship and other social relationships• Heroes and roles models• Practice exam materials from http://apcentral.collegeboard.com	Approximately 4 weeks
Unit 2: Wohnwelten	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Living environments• Homelessness• Social support for the disadvantaged• University life and residence• Podcasts from slowgerman.com• Newscasts from http://neuneinhalb.wdr.de• Practice exam materials from http://apcentral.collegeboard.com	Approximately 4 weeks
Unit 3: Wie geht's denn so?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Healthy habits• The role of laughter in health• Slow Food• Biorhythm and the start of school• Newscasts from http://neuneinhalb.wdr.de• Practice exam materials from http://apcentral.collegeboard.com	Approximately 4 weeks
Unit 4: Freizeit und Unterhaltung	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The role of games• The importance of sports in societies• Film: <i>Das Wunder von Bern</i> (2003). The story of Germany's unexpected win in the 1954 World Cup Final.	Approximately 4 weeks

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Film materials from http://www.goethe.de Practice exam materials from http://apcentral.collegeboard.com 	
Unit 5: Alles will gelernt sein	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study and work habits Technology in education The role of school in society Film: Der ganz große Traum (2011). Retelling of how teacher Konrad Koch brought soccer to Germany and used it to teach his student English. Film materials from http://www.goethe.de Practice exam materials from http://apcentral.collegeboard.com 	Approximately 4 weeks
Unit 6: Berufsbilder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Job preferences and aspirations Summer and part-time jobs Laws regarding student work Podcasts from slowgerman.com Newscasts from http://neuneinhalb.wdr.de Practice exam materials from http://apcentral.collegeboard.com 	Approximately 4 weeks
Unit 7: Für immer und ewig	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family and marriage trends Dating Film: Lola rennt (1998). Fictional story of a woman who has 20 minutes to save her boyfriend's life. Film materials from http://www.goethe.de Practice exam materials from http://apcentral.collegeboard.com 	Approximately 4 weeks
Unit 8: Prüfungstraining	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice tests and prompts for the Advanced placement exam drawn from College Board resources and released exams Practice exam materials from http://apcentral.collegeboard.com 	Approximately 4 weeks
Unit 9: Deutsches Kino	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of film in society Film: Sophe Scholl- die letzten Tage (2005). Recounts the last days in the life of students who were members of the anti-Nazi movement, die weiße Rose. Film: Good bye, Lenin! (2003). Comedy about adjusting to life in eastern Germany after reunification Film materials from http://www.goethe.de 	Approximately 4 weeks

***The following activities will be included in each unit as appropriate:**

- Interpretation of written, printed and audio material.**

- *Written responses to email prompts*
- *Persuasive essays*
- *Conversations*
- *Cultural comparisons*

*****Depending on the needs of the class or changes in the school year, the course outline is subject to change.***