
PETERS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

COURSE SYLLABUS: GERMAN III

Course Overview and Essential Skills

The third level language course is a full year course which continues the study of all aspects of language listening, speaking, reading, and writing. There is increased emphasis on oral expression and on accuracy in spoken and written language. The student will use the language skills he/she acquires to increase cultural understanding through the use of authentic texts in the target language. There is an emphasis on application of previously learned and newly acquired concepts and skills. This level tends to require that students take more of a responsibility and ownership of reviewing material that was learned in previous levels.

Course Textbook and Required Materials

- Mosaik 3: German Language and Culture. (2014). Boston: Vista Higher Learning, Inc.
- Online Text and online activities: www.vhlcentral.com
- 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: Überblick	• Perfekt tense formation • The verbs <i>kennen</i> and <i>wissen</i> • Two-way Prepositions • Coordinating conjunctions • Comparative and superlative form of adjectives • The four cases of nouns • Grammar review at conjuguemos.com and quia.com	Approximately 2 weeks
Unit 2: Alltagsroutine	• Daily routines, personal hygiene and health • Body parts • The vocalic <i>r</i> • German views on health and well-being • Reflexive verbs • Reciprocal verbs • Grammar review at conjuguemos.com and quia.com	Approximately 3-4 weeks
Unit 3: Beim Arzt	• Health problems • Visits to the doctor and hospital • Syllabic stress • German pharmacies • German contributions to the medical field • Subjunctive II with <i>würden</i> • Grammar review at conjuguemos.com and quia.com	Approximately 4 weeks
Unit 4: Stadtleben und Besorgungen	• Daily transactions • Places in a town • The glottal stop	Approximately 4 weeks

	• The role of the pedestrian zone in German cities • Subordinating conjunctions • Adjectives used as nouns • The future with <i>werden</i> • Grammar review at conjuguemos.com and quia.com	
Unit 5: Märchen	• Jakob and Wilhelm Grimm and their fairytales • Narrative past tense of weak and strong verbs • Conversational versus narrative past • Facts about the Brothers Grimm from http://www.germany.travel/media/content/press_kit/brueder_grimm/press_kit_3/de_6/DE_Zahlen_Fakten_Grimm.pdf, http://www.labbe.de/zzebra/index.asp?thema=591&titelid=2501 • Fairytales from http://www.bayswaterps.vic.edu.au/lote/maerchen/project.htm • Excerpts from the German film <i>Die Sieben Zwerge: Männer Allein im Wald</i> (a modern satire of Snow White and the Seven Dwarves)	Approximately 3 weeks
Unit 6: In der Stadt	• Places in a city • Traffic • Asking and giving directions • Prepositions of direction • Nationality as nouns • The German states of Lower Saxony and North Rhine-Westfalia • Short travel videos on Lower Saxony and North Rhine-Westfalia from www.dw.com/de	Approximately 3-4 weeks
Unit 7: Im Büro und Berufe	• Looking for a job and applying for a job • Relative pronouns and clauses • Professions • Adjective ending review • The German states of Saarland, Rhineland-Palatinate and Baden-Württemberg • Excerpts from travel videos on Cologne and the Black Forest at www.ricksteves.com	Approximately 4 weeks
Unit 8: Österreich und Mozart	• Austria and its Major cities • Mozart's life and music • Mozart in popular culture • Online articles about Austria and Mozart at www.blinde-kuh.de • Video: Travelers Vienna (The Discovery Channel) • Film: <i>Amadeus</i> (Theatrical version, not extended version)	Approximately 4 weeks
Unit 9: In der Natur	• Animals and the outdoors • German national parks and wildlife	Approximately 3-4 weeks

	• The past subjunctive • Present participles • Grammar reviews at conjuguemos.com	
Unit 10: Die Umwelt	• Environmental problems • Environmental protection • Role of recycling and environmental protection in Germany • Passive voice • News reports about environmental issues, Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt at: www.youtube.com/user/deutschewelle, neuneinhalb.com	Approximately 3-4 weeks
Unit 12: Musik, Musiker und die deutschsprachige Welt	• Music and the music industry • Musicians and other cultural aspects of the German-speaking world	Approximately 2 weeks

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