

Syllabus

German 2, Semester B

Course Overview

Learning a language is a multi-faceted experience in which you are introduced to a whole new set of words and ways of expressing yourself with words, along with new cultures formed by people who have been speaking that language for centuries. The German-speaking world spans Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Luxembourg, and Liechtenstein in Europe, as well as many other parts of the world.

In German 2B, you'll be reintroduced to German in common situations, beginning with various professions and career plans for the future. You'll discuss traveling to various regions and the flora and fauna found in each region and describe types of trips, including road trips, camping, and ecotourism. You'll also describe hobbies, activities, and crafts that people enjoy. Finally, you'll discuss medical specialists, including dentists and veterinarians, and symptoms related to illness and injury. You'll build on what you learned in the German 2A course to communicate by listening, speaking, reading, and writing in German as you internalize new vocabulary and grammar. You'll also learn about some regions of the German-speaking world where the central characters of each unit are visiting. You will build on this semester's work as you advance in your German studies: everything that you learn about a language and the cultures in which it is spoken will serve as a foundation for further learning.

Course Goals

By the end of this course, you will be able to do the following:

- Use two-way prepositions (**in**, **an**, **auf**) to express motion (accusative) or location (dative).
- Recognize and use verb/preposition associations (**ich bewerbe mich um**, **ich erkundige mich nach**, and **ich beschaefte mich mit**).
- Form clauses that begin with interrogatives and conjunctions, where the conjugative verb is in final position: **wo** (where), **wer** (who), **weil** (because), **dass** (that), and **ob** (if).
- Use verbs describing animal sounds: **bellen** (bark), **miauen** (meow), **singen** (sing), etc.
- Review gerunds: **das schwimmen** (swimming), **das spielen** (playing), and **das essen** (eating).

- Use conversational past and narrative past to describe a trip and discuss the differences.
- Use verbs of preference (**gefallen**), including a focus on word order and dative attributes.
- Sequence words to describe events with respect to time (**erst, dann, and als Erste**).
- Use reflexive/dative verbs to speak of physical and emotional conditions, including **sich freuen, sich fuehlen, wehtun, verletzen, brechen, and verstauchen**.
- Use transitive and intransitive verbs of motion.
- Use contrasting expressions that do and do not use subjunctive (**Wie waere es mit? Wie steht's mit?**).

Language Skills

German 2A is a prerequisite course for German 2B. The following fundamental concepts and skills will be helpful.

- a basic knowledge of parts of speech, such as noun, verb, subject, adjective, and adverb
- the ability to read and speak English and compose paragraphs or lines of dialogue that form a coherent whole
- a basic understanding of world geography

General Skills

To participate in this course, you should be able to do the following activities:

- Work with word processing software such as Microsoft Word or Google Docs.
- Work with presentation software such as Microsoft Power Point.
- Do online research using various search engines and library databases.
- Communicate through email and participate in discussion boards.

For a complete list of general skills that are required for participation in online courses, refer to the Prerequisites section of the Plato Student Orientation document.

Credit Value

German 2B is a 0.5-credit course.

Tips for Language Learning

- Relax and enjoy yourself: To continue learning a new language, you will build on what you have already learned and incorporate new vocabulary and grammar concepts with the old, increasing your ability to communicate by listening, speaking,

reading, and writing as you progress. To foster your progress, concentrate on communicating, not on using a new language beyond your current abilities. You will make errors, so look for improvement in your ability to communicate rather than perfect replication of the language you are learning.

- Immerse yourself in the language as much as you can. Replay audio, especially extended audio passages, to gain familiarity with the sound and meanings of the language. Look for opportunities to learn songs and watch multimedia content in the language.
- Take advantage of and create additional opportunities besides those offered in the course to communicate in the language in everyday situations.
 - Use the audio recorder device provided with this course package (or any other recording device installed on your PC) to practice speaking, and play back your recordings to check for vocabulary and grammar usage and clarity of pronunciation (not perfection).
 - Practice reading the language aloud.
 - Use the discussion forums provided to practice communicating in written form with other learners.
 - Look for online language practice chat forums and real-life situations in which you can use the language, at whichever level you are comfortable with.
- Use the opportunities offered in the course to compare your responses with the sample answers provided in written form or as audio files. Your responses need not be exactly the same as the sample answers; rather, you should check for correctness of vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation. If you're in doubt, you may consult your teacher (or anyone else you know who is proficient in German).
- Learn the language in the context of the words and the situations in which they are used, instead of learning by a process of translation between German and English.
- The language you are learning in this course uses symbols, such as accents. Use these [instructions](#) to learn how to enter these symbols using your keyboard.

Course Materials

- Notebook
- Presentation software
- Computer with Internet connection and speakers or headphones
- Recording device on your computer for practicing and for teacher-submitted audio tasks
- Microsoft Word or equivalent
- Microsoft Excel or equivalent

Course Pacing Guide

This course description and pacing guide is intended to help you keep on schedule with your work. Note that your course instructor may modify the schedule to meet the specific needs of your class.

Unit 1: Around Town

Summary

In this unit, you will describe various professions and career plans for the future. Then, you will learn about retail services available in a community, like grocers, farmers' markets, and drug stores. Next, you will discuss commercial services available, such as laundrettes, drycleaners, hair salons, tailors, and repair shops or service centers. Finally, you will describe public services, such as modes of transportation, postal services, emergency services, and law enforcement.

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
1 day: 1	Syllabus and Plato Student Orientation <i>Review the Plato Student Orientation and Course Syllabus at the beginning of this course.</i>	Course Orientation
3 days: 2-4	Career Opportunities <i>Describe various jobs or careers and plan for the future.</i> Grammar Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Review and expand upon capitalization rules (with days/months of the year).</i> • <i>Use future tense WERDEN (TO BECOME).</i> • <i>Review verbs of necessity/modal verbs: (SOLLEN, MUESSEN, etc.).</i> • <i>Create feminine nouns by adding -in to masculine forms.</i> • <i>Recognize and make use of verb/preposition associations (ICH BEWERBE MICH UM, ICH ERKUNDIGE MICH NACH, and ICH BESCHAEFTIGE MICH MIT).</i> • <i>Changes in declension of some weak nouns, particularly those describing a profession.</i> 	Tutorial
3 days: 5-7	Retail Shops <i>Describe retail shops and their role in the community.</i> Grammar Objectives:	Tutorial

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use dative reflexive verbs such as KAUFEN. • Use two-way prepositions (IN, AN, AUF) to express motion (accusative) or location (dative). • Review modal verb patterns and behavior (WOLLEN, MÖCHTEN). 	
3 days: 8-10	<p>Commercial Services Describe various commercial services available in a community.</p> <p>Grammar Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the verbs - to want, to choose, to like/love, to say, etc. • Introduce the verb LASSEN (TO LET) - ICH LASSE MIR DIE HAARE SCHNEIDEN. • Review frequently used IMPERFEKT verbs such as SASSEN (SAT), FANDEN (FOUND), GINGEN (WENT), LIESSEN (LET), and MACHTEN (DID). • Form clauses that begin with interrogatives and conjunctions, where the conjugative verb is in final position: WO (WHERE), WER (WHO), WEIL (BECAUSE), DASS (THAT), and OB (IF). 	Tutorial
3 days: 11-13	<p>Public Services Describe public services available within a community.</p> <p>Grammar Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the subjunctive to express possibility or necessity (WAERE ES MOEGLICH, DASS (WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE THAT); and WAERE ES NOTIG, DASS (WOULD IT BE NECESSARY THAT)). • Use modal verbs MÖCHTEN (WOULD LIKE) and WOLLEN (WANT). • Review two-way prepositions and all dative prepositions. 	Tutorial
3 days: 14–16	Unit Activity and Discussion—Unit 1	Unit Activity Discussion
1 day: 17	Posttest—Unit 1	Assessment

Unit 2: Traveling

Summary

In this unit, you will discuss traveling to different regions and the flora and fauna found in each. Then, you will describe a trip to the countryside, the weather and the plants and animals found there. Next, you will describe a trip to the beach and the kind of weather, plants, and animals found at and around coastal areas. Finally, you will discuss environmental protection and conservation, and how to stay safe in the event of a natural disaster.

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
3 days: 18-20	<p>In the Country <i>Describe a visit to the countryside.</i> Grammar Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Use time-related verbs and expressions.</i> • <i>Use weather-related verbs and expressions.</i> • <i>Use directional expressions and two-way prepositions (including their contractions) to describe relative locations of geographic features: NACH/IN (TO), AN (AT), NEBEN (NEXT TO), AUF (ON TOP OF), HINTER (BEHIND), and VOR (IN FRONT OF).</i> • <i>Use verbs describing animal sounds: BELLEN (BARK), MIAUEN (MEOW), SINGEN (SING), etc.</i> 	Tutorial
3 days: 21-23	<p>At the Beach <i>Describe a trip to the beach.</i> Grammar Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Review use of imperative verbs: BRINGEN (BRING), ABGEBEN (TO CHECK SOMETHING IN), and TRAGEN (TO WEAR).</i> • <i>Use verbs and phrases to express necessities: MUESSEN (MUST), ES IST NOTIG (IT IS NECESSARY).</i> • <i>Review gerunds: das SCHWIMMEN (SWIMMING), DAS SPIELEN (PLAYING), DAS ESSEN (EATING).</i> • <i>Use verbs and phrases to describe the weather.</i> 	Tutorial
4 days: 24-27	<p>Taking a Road Trip <i>Describe the experience of taking a road trip.</i> Grammar Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Use imperative command forms related to giving directions.</i> • <i>Use conversational past and narrative past to describe a trip and discuss the differences.</i> 	Tutorial

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review telling time. 	
3 days: 28-30	<p>Environmental and Personal Safety Discuss environmental protection and safety issues associated with natural disasters.</p> <p>Grammar Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiral use of expressions using subjunctive as applied to sustainability and safety (KÖNNTE, SOLLTE, MÜSSTE, and DÜRFTTE). • Examine and apply correct use of adverbs. • Introduce relevant genitive prepositions (AUßERHALB, INNERHALB, and WÄHREND). • Review construction of compound nouns. 	Tutorial
3 days: 31-33	Unit Activity and Discussion—Unit 2	Unit Activity Discussion
1 day: 34	Posttest—Unit 2	Assessment

Unit 3: Leisure Time

Summary

In this unit, you will describe hobbies, activities, and crafts that people enjoy. Then, you will describe types of live and recorded entertainment, such as plays, movies, concerts, television shows, etc. Next, you will describe outdoor activities, such as professional and recreational sports, and other activities enjoyed outside. Finally, you will discuss the holidays, celebrations, and rites of passage specific to a culture, and myths, fables, and other storytelling traditions of that culture.

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
3 days: 35-37	<p>Personal Pastimes Discuss personal interests and leisure activities.</p> <p>Grammar Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use sequencing words to describe events with respect to time (ERST, DANN, and ALS ERSTE). • Use verbs of preference (GEFALLEN), including a focus on word order and dative attributes. • Use the phrase (SICH INTERESSIEREN FÜR). 	Tutorial

4 days: 38-41	<p>Entertainment Describe various forms of entertainment, live and recorded.</p> <p>Grammar Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize and use subjunctive II. • Use WO and DA compounds. • Use the phrases UM ZU, and OHNE ZU. • Distinguish between active and passive voice. 	Tutorial
4 days: 42-45	<p>Recreation Discuss preferred forms of outdoor activities.</p> <p>Grammar Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use verbs for sports and activities correctly in the past tense. • Correctly use the verbs to know, KENNEN, WISSEN, etc., in the present tense. • Identify cognates between English and German. • Use imperative forms of to be and also of all senses with emphasis words: SCHAU MAL! (SHOW!), GUCK MAL! (LOOK!), and SCHMECK! (TASTE!). 	Tutorial
3 days: 46-48	<p>Customs and Traditions Discuss how a culture's stories and rites of passage shape that culture.</p> <p>Grammar Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize and use IMPERFEKT in fables. • Use ordinal numbers/sequencing correctly. • Introduce NIRGEND- (NO-) and, IRGEND- (SOME-). 	Tutorial
3 days: 49-51	Unit Activity and Discussion—Unit 3	Unit Activity Discussion
1 day: 52	Posttest—Unit 3	Assessment

Unit 4: Healthy Living

Summary

In this unit, you will discuss medical specialists, including dentists and veterinarians, and symptoms related to illness and injury. Then, you will describe healthy habits, such as good nutrition and fitness regimes, and regular self-examinations. Next, you will learn

about treatment of injuries and illnesses. Finally, you will learn about alternative and traditional medical practices.

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
3 days: 53-55	<p>Medical Care <i>Discuss how to seek medical care and describe symptoms to a medical professional.</i> Grammar Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use definite articles with body parts. • Use reflexive/dative verbs to speak of physical and emotional conditions, including SICH FREUEN, SICH FUEHLEN, WEHTUN, VERLETZEN, BRECHEN, and VERSTAUCHEN. • Correctly use the two past tenses (IMPERFEKT and PERFEKT) to narrate a visit to the doctor. 	Tutorial
4 days: 56-59	<p>Healthy Habits <i>Discuss healthy habits and prevention of illness.</i> Grammar Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use accusative reflexive verb/pronouns: FUEHLEN SICH. • Use phrases for approval and disapproval of healthy/not healthy activities, conjunctions and word order: ES IST PRIMA, DASS (IT'S GREAT THAT), ICH BIN FROH, DASS (I'M HAPPY THAT), and ES IST SCHADE, and DASS (IT'S A SHAME THAT). • Use transitive and intransitive verbs of motion. 	Tutorial
3 days: 60-62	<p>Injuries and Ailments <i>Discuss treatment of injuries and ailments.</i> Grammar Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use verbs relating to treatment/sickness (BRECHEN, VERSTAUCHE, etc.) including verbs used with dative case forms such as FEHLEN, WEHTUN. • Identify words for body parts and use them with definite articles. • Use interrogatives as conjunctions. 	Tutorial
4 days: 63-66	<p>Alternative Medicine <i>Discuss various cultural attitudes toward medical practices.</i> Grammar Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use expressions of doubt and negation with the 	Tutorial

	<p><i>subjunctive.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use contrasting expressions that do and do not use subjunctive (WIE WAERE ES MIT? WIE STEHT'S MIT?). • Use dative prepositions (MIT). • Review modal verbs MÜSSEN and SOLLEN, and introduce DÜRFEN (TO BE ALLOWED TO). 	
3 days: 67-69	Unit Activity and Discussion—Unit 4	Unit Activity Discussion
1 day: 70	Posttest—Unit 4	Assessment

Unit 5: On the Road Again

Summary

In this unit, you will discuss types of trips, including road trips, camping, and ecotourism. Then, you will explain how to keep track of location while traveling by using geographical tools like GPS and a compass. Next, you will learn how to plan an itinerary for a trip, tourist destinations, and modes of transportation used for travel. Finally, you will learn about how to share details about and photos of a trip taken, using online blogs and photo albums.

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
3 days: 71-73	<p>Choosing a Vacation <i>Discuss different types of trips or vacations.</i> Grammar Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use conditional and phrases to make requests and plans. • Review and use future tense (WERDEN). • Use idiomatic expressions to speak of travel: EIN KATZENSPRUNG (A STONE'S THROW); GUTE REISE (WISHING SOMEONE A GOOD TRIP); UEBER STOCK UND STEIN (UP THE HILL AND DOWN THE DALE); UM PUNKT NEUN (AT 9 O'CLOCK ON THE DOT); ZU FUSS (ON FOOT). • Use travel-related verbs phrases and verbs for making reservations and other plans: RESERVIEREN, 	Tutorial

	<p>UEBERNACHTEN (STAY OVERNIGHT), ANKOMMEN (TO ARRIVE), and WEGFAHREN (TO DEPART).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use WO and DA compounds (WOFUER, WORAUF, WOHIN, etc.). 	
3 days 74-76:	<p>Where Am I? Discuss how to track location while traveling. Grammar Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use direction words appropriately, e.g., OST, WEST, NORD, SUED, ABBIEGEN OR EINBIEGEN (TO TURN), WEITERFAHREN (DRIVE ON), and NACH RECHTS/NACH LINKS (TO THE RIGHT/TO THE LEFT). • Use two-way prepositions. 	Tutorial
4 days: 77-80	<p>Taking a Trip Describe how to plan an itinerary for a trip. Grammar Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare and contrast modes of transportation. • Use time expressions indicating future tense. • Use future subjunctive with WUERDEN. • Use different verbs to talk about sightseeing correctly (BESICHTIGEN, BESUCHEN, and SEHEN). 	Tutorial
4 days: 81-84	<p>Travel Blog Describe methods of sharing details about a trip with others. Grammar Objective: Review past tenses (conversational past and narrative past).</p>	Tutorial
3 days: 85-87	Unit Activity and Discussion—Unit 5	Unit Activity Discussion
1 day: 88	Posttest—Unit 5	Assessment
1 day: 89	Semester Review	
1 day: 90	End-of-Semester Exam	Assessment

Course Map

You will achieve course level objectives by completing each lesson's instruction, assignments, and assessments. For a detailed look at how the materials meet these objectives, review the [course map for Semester B](#).