

# AP

# German Language and Culture

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- Equivalent to a 1 semester college German course
- May earn college credit with an AP exam score of 3, 4, or 5
- Students should have *successfully* completed German 5 (exceptions *may* be made for rising seniors who have excelled in German 4)

## Course Themes

The AP German Language and Culture course is structured around six themes:

- Beauty and Aesthetics
- Contemporary Life
- Families and Communities
- Global Challenges
- Personal and Public Identities
- Science and Technology

Themes facilitate the integration of language, content, and culture and promote the use of the language in a variety of contexts. The themes may be combined, as they are interrelated.

## Assignments:

- Frequent computer use outside of class expected
- Read authentic texts & discuss
- Research projects & presentations
- Current events

## Expectations and workload:

- Listening to/reading German every day (beyond class materials)
- A lot of vocabulary
- Pre-course summer assignment

## Assessments:

- Frequent quizzes
- Group work & projects
- Individual work & projects
- Tests timed & modeled after the AP exam
- Socratic Seminars and Debates

## AP Exam:

- Given in May; 3.5 hours long
- Section I : 65 multiple choice questions
- Section II : Free Response; 4 prompts

**Die Grenzen meiner  
Sprache bedeuten die  
Grenzen meiner Welt.**

*The limits of my language are the  
limits of my universe.*

- Ludwig Wittgenstein

## AP German Language and Culture course overview:

The AP German Language and Culture course emphasizes communication (understanding and being understood by others) by applying interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational skills in real-life situations. This includes vocabulary usage, language control, communication strategies, and cultural awareness. The AP German Language and Culture course strives not to overemphasize grammatical accuracy at the expense of communication. To best facilitate the study of language and culture, the course is taught almost exclusively in German. The AP German Language and Culture course engages students in an exploration of culture in both contemporary and historical contexts. The course develops students' awareness and appreciation of cultural products (e.g., tools, books, music, laws, conventions, institutions); practices (patterns of social interactions within a culture); and perspectives (values, attitudes, and assumptions).

## Curricular Units per Level

### **Deutsch 1**

1. Alles über mich.
2. In der Schule
3. Freizeit
4. Familie & Freunde
5. Essen & Getränke

### **Deutsch 2**

1. In den Sommerferien
2. Kleidung
3. zu Hause / Hausarbeit
4. Reisen
5. Gesundes Leben

### **Deutsch 5H/AP**

#### **Two-Year Topic Cycle**

#### **Jahr A**

1. Reisen/Ferien
2. Multikulturalismus/Verschiedenheit
3. Medien
4. Geographische/Historische Kontexte
5. Rechte/Pflichten
6. Kunst/Architektur

### **Deutsch 3**

1. Alltag und Gesundheit
2. Stadtleben und Landleben
3. Berufe
4. Umwelt und Tiere

### **Deutsch 4Honors**

1. Familie und Beziehungen
2. die Medien
3. Urlaub machen
4. Traditionen und Spezialitäten
5. Wissenschaft und Technologie
6. Geschichte und Gesellschaft

#### **Jahr B**

1. Karriere/Ausbildung
2. Wichtige Deutsche
3. Erfindungen/Innovationen
4. Politik
5. Junge Deutsche Leute Heute
6. Darstellende Künste