

German 202 / Elementary German 2

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Herzlich Willkommen! Welcome to German 202, second-semester German.

This is a fully online course, with no face-to-face class sessions. Assignments are completed on two websites: Canvas and VHL Central's supersite. In lieu of face-to-face classes you will have required weekly online classes using Zoom (free to students).

Course Description

A topics-based, continuing introductory language acquisition and culture course in standard, contemporary German; emphasis is on listening comprehension, culture-centered readings and responses, and oral communication. Transfer: CSU; UC. 5 units

Course Philosophy

The course uses the communicative approach and prepares you to speak and understand written and spoken German. Grammar may not always be taught explicitly; you are expected to study the material prior to completing the relevant assignments.

Office Location/ Hours

No campus office hours; one pre-set virtual office hour weekly; by appt. at other times Monday-Friday; email me at least 24 hours in advance if you would like to meet virtually.

Instructor Contact Expectations

The best way to contact me is email: anne_schreiber@cuesta.edu. I respond to emails within 24 hours on weekdays. On Saturdays, I will do my best to get back to you, but I cannot guarantee a response. I don't read/respond to email on Sundays.

Course Environment

This online course uses Cuesta's web-based learning platform system, Canvas, to convey course information, assign and submit homework, post grades, and facilitate contact among the instructor and students. Canvas is the framework for materials such as PowerPoint presentations, data files, the tools to receive and send course materials, and a grade book. Using the communication tools, you can share materials and ideas with other course members via the discussion forums and groups.

Class opens / Accessing Canvas

Prior to the start of classes, January 22, you will receive an email to your my.Cuesta.edu address with Canvas log in procedures. Accessing Canvas: log into MyCuesta, click on Resources Tab, then Canvas in Online Learning Channel; or type (cuesta.instructure.com) into your browser address bar. Don't bookmark the Canvas site: you will get an error message next time you try to log in. Access Canvas log in directly.

Please refer to the [Canvas Guide](#).

Online Learning

If you have never taken an online class OR this is your first experience with Canvas, be patient and allow yourself time to adjust to this mode of learning. Online classes are not inherently easier. Expect to spend at least as much time -- if not more -- on this course as you would on a course that meets face to face. Since there is no lecture component, much of your time will be self-directed, within homework due date parameters. You'll need self-discipline to keep on track. If you get behind, it will be difficult to catch up. This course requires a substantial amount of reading, viewing videos and presentations, studying, and writing. It is completely online: all coursework (discussions, assignments, quizzes) is submitted online. Build into your schedule approximately 8 hours per week of study and homework for this class; keep in mind everyone has their own work pace.

Regular Effective Contact policy

Regular and Effective Instructor Contact will be met through weekly online small group class sessions (required); discussion forums; weekly announcements; timely feedback on assignments; email to individuals; and virtual office hours.

Log into your Canvas German 202 course once daily Monday-Friday to check for announcements, updates, and homework feedback.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Verbal communication: Formulate questions and statements on topics pertaining to everyday life in the German-speaking cultures; use idiomatic German; develop German pronunciation.
- Aural comprehension: Comprehend simple dialogues on topics pertaining to life in German-speaking cultures; comprehend German videos with the aid of pre- and post-viewing questions.
- Written comprehension: Comprehend texts on life in German-speaking cultures.
- Written communication (Writing): Compose paragraph-length essays in standard German, incorporating relevant vocabulary and grammatical structures.
- Cultural Competence: Comprehend, discuss, and demonstrate knowledge of aspects of German-speaking cultures.

Text Book and Materials

Choose one of the following online versions of the book *Sag mal* (Anton, Barske, McKinstry; 2nd edition required). Options 1 and 2 are available through the Cuesta Bookstore or directly from the publisher, Vista. Option 3 is only available through the publisher. The prices listed below are what you pay if purchased from [Vista](#).

Choose one of these options:

1. ebook with access code good for 36 months: ISBN 978-1-68004-402-7 cost: \$170
2. ebook with access code for 36 months + textbook (looseleaf): ISBN 978-1-68004-428-7 cost: \$237.60
3. ebook with access code good for 6 months: ISBN 978-1-68005-609-9 cost: \$124

Technical Support

Cuesta students should direct all technical support inquiries to support@my.cuesta.edu. If you are having issues with Canvas, contact the Canvas Support Hotline at (877) 921-7680, or click on the help button on the Canvas Navigation to report a problem.

If you are having difficulty viewing the course or logging in, check that you're using the correct url: cuesta.instructure.com and a supported browser.

Canvas is best accessed from a desktop or laptop computer, using Firefox or Chrome. Please review the [browser requirements and minimum computer specifications](#).

Cuesta policy for Adds and Drops:

[Add Policy](#)

[Drop Policy](#)

Waitlist Policy, please review: [Cuesta's waitlist procedure and instructions](#)

[Cuesta's academic honesty policy and student code of conduct](#).

Accommodations

This course is designed using an accessible Learning Management System, and course materials have been created with ADA compliance in mind. If you have a disability and might need accommodations, such as extended time on exams or other resources, please contact me as soon as possible so that you can receive appropriate accommodations in a timely manner. You should also contact [DSPPS \(Disabled Student Programs & Services\)](#) at 805-546-3148