



McLean High School Course Description and Expectations

Courses: German AP Language

Prerequisites: German 4 for students from a U.S. High School. There will be a placement test for students coming from abroad.

Short Course Description: The purpose of this course is to increase the students' skills in communicating in German. Specifically, they understand the spoken target language in both formal and conversational situations. They express ideas accurately and resourcefully, both orally and in writing, with reasonable fluency and they develop a vocabulary sufficiently ample for reading newspaper and magazine articles, contemporary literature and other non-technical writings. They receive extensive training in the organization and writing of compositions, review syntax and study selected works by contemporary artists. Materials will include recordings, films, newspapers, and magazines. The course will prepare students to take the Advanced Placement Language examination given each spring, for which placement and/or credit may be awarded at the college level if a qualifying score is obtained.

Summer Assignment: May include reading short stories or an abridged detective story.

Work Load during the School Year: Maximum one hour of homework per 90 minute class. There will be 2-3 essays and/or cassettes and 1-3 major tests per quarter.

Special Course Information: Regular attendance is crucial to success in the class. Students need to have a disciplined approach to the study of a foreign language.

Available Support: Teacher is available to help students after school as necessary.

Student Quotes: "Less written homework than some of the other APs, but you need to be self disciplined to learn the material." "Just like German 4, except longer tests & more homework."

Please sign indicating that you have read and understand the nature of this AP course.

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