

Students continue their study of German by further expanding their knowledge of key vocabulary topics and grammar concepts. Students not only begin to comprehend listening and reading passages more fully, but they also start to express themselves more meaningfully in both speaking and writing. Each unit consists of a new vocabulary theme and grammar concept, reading and listening comprehension activities, speaking and writing activities, multimedia cultural presentations, and interactive activities and practices which reinforce vocabulary and grammar. There is a strong emphasis on providing context and conversational examples for the language concepts presented in each unit. Students should expect to be actively engaged in their own language learning, understand common vocabulary terms and phrases, use a wide range of grammar patterns in their speaking and writing, participate in conversations and respond appropriately to conversational prompts, analyze and compare cultural practices, products, and perspectives of various German-speaking countries, and take frequent assessments where their language progression can be monitored. By semester 2, the course is conducted almost entirely in German. The course has been carefully aligned to national standards as set forth by ACTFL (the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages). The course content is aligned to the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) standards.

Length: Two semesters

Overall Course Objectives

The High School German II course helps students:

- Engage in language learning
- Review and expand their study of common vocabulary topics
- Gain a deeper understanding of a wide range of grammar patterns
- Participate in expanded conversations and respond appropriately to a variety of conversational prompts
- Communicate more meaningfully using correct vocabulary and grammatical structures
- Read, write, speak, and listen for meaning in German
- Analyze and compare cultural practices, products, and perspectives of various German-speaking countries
- Regularly assess progress in proficiency through quizzes, tests, and speaking/writing submissions

Recurring Content

Vocabulary Theme

- Each unit presents a new set of vocabulary words pertaining to a particular theme. Each topic is first presented in context and then the vocabulary is further practiced through a variety of interactive activities and practices. A printable vocabulary list is also provided.
- Grammar Concept
- Each unit introduces a new grammar pattern. The concept is first introduced in a contextualized situation and then presented in a multimedia grammar animation. The concept is then further practiced in several interactive activities throughout the unit. A printable explanation of the pattern is also provided.
- Presentation of Culture through Culture Videos
- In each unit students learn about various cultural aspects (e.g. practices, products, and perspectives) of a German-speaking country through short video presentations.

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“Out of Seat” Activities

- Several times during the year, students are given opportunities to use the language “outside” the course. These are specific assignments directing students to interact in a genuine way with the German language or German-speaking cultures.

Speaking and Writing Activities

- Students complete speaking and writing activities in each unit. These activities give students a chance to become more familiar with the speaking and writing patterns of German by applying them in communicative situations.

Listening and Reading Comprehension Activities

- Each unit contains both listening and reading comprehension practices. They are based on the vocabulary, grammar, or culture concepts presented that unit and challenge students to identify the main ideas and significant details of the listening/reading excerpts.

Assessments

- Listening and reading comprehension quizzes verify that students comprehend the main ideas and/or significant details of target passages or conversations.
- Culture comprehension quizzes verify that students have understood important concepts presented in the culture presentations.
- Unit tests assess students’ mastery of the vocabulary words and grammar concepts presented that unit. Each unit test also includes reading and listening comprehension questions and an oral or written assessment.
- Midterm and Semester Exams are comprehensive in nature. Not only do they assess students’ knowledge of the language, but they also assess students’ ability to produce the language in a communicative way. Midterms and Semester Exams include both oral and written assessments.

“Life-long Learner” Assignments

- Each semester students are required to create a plan for incorporating German into their daily lives. They accomplish this by outlining the long-term benefits of learning German, by making goals for what they want to accomplish with their mastery of the language, and by creating a plan for accomplishing their goals.

“Explore” Activities

- These activities help students develop a more profound understanding of German-speaking countries and cultures.

“Webquest” Activities

- These special activities provide students the opportunity to link out to authentic sources of language on the Internet. Students are given practical tasks where they must use their language to accomplish the assignment.

Discussion Board Activities

- There is one discussion board activity in each semester. These activities provide opportunities for students to interact with other students and practice their new language.

Journal

- Journal assignments allow students to make cultural comparisons, reinforce new vocabulary and grammar patterns, and practice communicating in the language.

Pronunciation

- Pronunciation lessons are presented in short animation videos. These videos focus on the unique sounds of the language. Follow-up activities throughout the unit provide additional practices for students to improve their pronunciation skills.

Course Scope and Sequence

Semester 1				
	Vocabulary	Grammar	Culture	Pronunciation
Unit 1	Verb Review	Review of Nouns: gender, number, case, negation	Munich Montage	The Letter B
Unit 2	Verb Review 2	Review of Verb: conjugation and placement	German Chocolate	
Unit 3	Days, Months, Seasons Review	Review: Modal Verbs	Wienerschnitzel	CH at the Start of a Word
Unit 4	Food	Review: Present Perfect	Accent: East vs. West German	
Unit 5	Health	Review: Dative Case	Otto von Bismarck	The Letter D
Unit 6	Family	Review: Dative Prepositions	Dreikönigstag	
Unit 7	Professions	Dative Verbs	Lessing	F and PH
Unit 8	Descriptions	Review: Simple Past	Johann Sebastian Bach	
Unit 9 Midterm Review and Test				
Unit 10	Pastimes	Two-way Prepositions	Nuremberg	
Unit 11	Body	Da and Wo Compounds	German Universities	GN and NG
Unit 12	Holidays/Special Celebrations	Verbs Acting as Adjectives	Bratwurst und Senf	
Unit 13	At Home	Review: Comparative and Superlative Forms	Accent: Swiss German Part 1	The Letter H
Unit 14	At School	Use of als, wenn and wann	Karl der Große	
Unit 15	Car	Review: Future Tense	German Cars	The Letter L
Unit 16	In the City	Future Perfect Tense	Schiller	
Unit 17	Math and Science	Review: Reflexive Verbs	Albrecht Dürer	The Letter G
Unit 18 Midterm Review and Test				

Semester 2				
	Vocabulary	Grammar	Culture	Pronunciation
Unit 19	Verb Review	Review: Reflexive Pronouns	Basel Montage	CK and CHS
Unit 20	False Cognates	Review: Coordinating and Subordinating Conjunctions	Swiss Politics	
Unit 21	Nature	Infinitive Verbs with zu	Swiss Food	The Letter G
Unit 22	Vacation	Relative Clauses	Accent: Swiss German Part 2	
Unit 23	Music	Past Perfect Tense	Swiss History	Loan Words with G
Unit 24	Technology	Review: Accusative Case	Swiss Banking System	
Unit 25	Measurements	Review: Accusative Prepositions	Wilhelm Tell	The Combination PF
Unit 26	Clothing	Review: Adjective Endings	Albert Einstein	
Unit 27 Midterm Review and Test				
Unit 28	Work	Genitive Case	Vienna Montage	
Unit 29	Shopping Money	Genitive Prepositions	The Waltz	The Letter T
Unit 30	Useful Words	Genitive Pronouns	Kuchen	
Unit 31	Love and Dating	Weak Masculine Nouns	Accent: Austria vs. Germany	The Letter M
Unit 32	Geography	Interrogatives/Imperatives	Germany during World War II	
Unit 33	Societal Issues 1	Passive Voice	Vienna Boy's Choir	The Letter N
Unit 34	Societal Issues 2	Subjunctive 1	Kafka	
Unit 35	Disasters	Subjunctive 2	Felix Mendelssohn	The Letter Y
Unit 36 Midterm Review and Test				