

German 4 Honors

Initiate, sustain, and close a conversation using grammar appropriate to the advanced intermediate level (present, past, and future tenses, subjunctive, conditional, adjective endings, relative sentences)

- Describe experiences in depth, summarize, ask questions, re-tell a story using grammar appropriate to the advanced intermediate level
- Comprehend original and limited literary texts, magazines, newspapers, television, and internet sources and share personal reactions to them orally and in writing
- Demonstrate cultural knowledge in areas such as geography, school, family life, history, the arts, music, shopping, and travel in German-speaking areas
- Compare the German and English languages, using their strengths in one language to aid them in the other
- Compare and analyze the cultural traditions and celebrations, such as festivals, music and art to the students' own culture

German 4/5 CP1

- Initiate, sustain, and close a conversation at an intermediate level;
- Describe experiences, summarize short stories, films, audio texts and excerpts from longer literary works;
- Engage in spontaneous conversations through role-playing;
- Demonstrate cultural knowledge in areas such as the geography and history of Germany;
- Utilize technology in the language lab for target language exposure.

German 5 Advanced Placement

- Initiate, sustain, and close a free-flowing conversation using grammar appropriate to the advanced level (present, past, and future tenses, subjunctive, conditional, adjective endings, relative sentences)
- Comprehend original and literary texts from several periods, magazines, newspapers, television, and internet sources and share personal reactions orally and in writing
- Describe experiences, summarize, ask questions, re-tell a story using grammar appropriate to the advanced level orally and in writing
- Demonstrate cultural knowledge in areas such as geography, school, family life, history, the arts, music, shopping, and travel in German-speaking areas
- Compare the German and English languages, using their strengths in one language to aid them in the other
- Compare, analyze and critique the cultural traditions and celebrations, such as festivals, music and art to the students' own culture
- Take the German AP Exam, scoring at least a 3

Related Activities

German students have the opportunity to host a German student in their homes and/or to take part in our exchange program. The Westford Academy German Department has a partner school in Germany who visits us biannually for three weeks. To complete this exchange, we travel to their homes in Germany for 3 weeks, attend school, live with German families, and travel to points of interest.

German students are also involved in a variety of activities to practice their language skills. Examples of these are: participation in the annual German Immersion Day; Mount Holyoke German Theater Competition; field trips; an all-day restaurant with authentic German and Austrian cuisine; an active German Club; and the writing of the National German Exam.

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German 1 CP1

- Initiate, sustain, and close a simple conversation, ask and answer questions, offer information, give opinions, state preferences, and understand familiar details using grammar appropriate to the beginner level (present, limited past)
- Comprehend original stories, teacher stories, selected readings and materials from the texts, television, videos and/or websites, and share personal reactions to them
- Describe experiences, ask questions, re-tell a simple story using grammar appropriate to the beginner level
- Demonstrate a familiarity with cultural items in areas such as geography, school, family life, history, art, music, shopping, and travel in German-speaking countries
- Compare the German and English languages, using their strengths in one language to aid them in the other
- Compare some cultural traditions and celebrations, such as festivals, music and art to the students' own culture

German 2 CP1

- Initiate, sustain, and close a conversation entirely in German, ask and answer questions, offer information, give opinions, state preferences, and understand familiar details using grammar appropriate to an accelerated beginner level (present, expanded past and limited subjunctive)
- Comprehend original stories, teacher stories, selected readings and materials from the texts, television, videos, and/or websites and share personal reactions to them
- Describe experiences, summarize, ask questions, re-tell a story using grammar appropriate to the accelerated beginner level
- Demonstrate cultural knowledge in areas such as geography, school, family life, history, art, music, shopping, and travel in German-speaking countries
- Compare the German and English languages, using their strengths in one language to aid them in the other
- Compare some cultural traditions and celebrations, such as festivals, music and art to the students' own culture

German 3 CP 1

- Initiate, sustain, and close a conversation using grammar appropriate to an intermediate level (present, past, and future tenses, subjunctive, conditional, adjective endings, relative sentences)
- Comprehend original and literary texts, magazines, newspapers, television, and websites and share personal reactions to them in German
- Describe experiences, summarize, ask questions, gather information, re-tell a story using grammar and expanded vocabulary appropriate to the Intermediate Level
- Demonstrate cultural knowledge in areas such as geography, school, family life, history, art, music, shopping, and travel in German-speaking areas
- Compare the German and English languages, using their strengths in one language to aid them in the other
- Compare some cultural traditions and celebrations, such as festivals, music and art to the students' own culture

German 2 Honors

- Will meet all the benchmarks of German 2 CP1
- Will demonstrate further understanding of grammar and linguistic structures at an accelerated pace.

German 3 Honors

- Meets the benchmarks of German 3CP1
- Will demonstrate further understanding of grammar and linguistic structures at an accelerated pace.
- Comprehend and interpret German literature at a cognitively appropriate level.