

Germany in the 21st Century Honors Course Overview

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Course Overview

The **Germany in the 21st Century Honors** curriculum is designed to enable learners to meet the Intermediate-Low/MidLevel of proficiency as defined by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages and the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. It is designed to move students along the proficiency continuum from Novice High to Intermediate-Mid. The Standard of World Languages, which addresses communication, culture, connections, comparisons and communities, is integrated into instruction. Each thematic unit addresses all modes of communication set forth by the NJ State Student Learning Standards for World Languages. The course also reinforces and contributes to the development of other standards in the areas of Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills, Computer Science and Design Thinking, Visual and Performing Arts, Language Arts Literacy, and Social Studies.

Modifications

Special education students

- Additional time
- Modified assignments
- Tutoring assistance and note takers in class
- Individualized learning pace
- Taking a class under a pass/fail condition
- Permission to write dictated questions before composing responses
- Permitting examinations to be read orally, dictated, or typed; alternative test formats

English language learners

- Use of home language on assessment instructions
- Use of relevant vocabulary and/or pictures
- Facilitate the use of student's target language through the use of language translator between teachers and students
- Heavy reliance on visual clues and body language

Students at risk of school failure

- Verbal encouragements
- Reducing the number of questions in a task
- Allow students to use alternative ways of completing a task (in writing, orally, visually)
- Pairing with a gifted or talented student
- Reduce stress factor with one-on-one meetings and making accommodations according to individual needs

- Regular and timely check-ins and correspondence to elicit support from counselor and family

Gifted and talented students

- Differentiated instruction
- Higher level contest
- Use of higher grammatical structures
- Pair with native speakers

Students with 504 plans

- Personalized modifications
- Follow 504 plan guidelines
- Breaks between tasks
- Have contingency plans
- Use de-escalating strategies
- Chart progress and maintain data

Materials and Resources

Electronic media :(CD-ROMs, Internet web sites, etc.) A large selection of web sites can be accessed from the FL-Teach web site. Suggested internet sites include:

<http://www.cortland.edu/www/flteach/welcome.htmlx>

<http://www.aatg.org/>

www.germany-info.org

<http://www.cloudnet.com/~edrbsass/Germ-Am.htm>

www.welt.de

www.bundesregierung.de

www.bundestkanzler.de

www.spd.de

www.fdp.de

www.cdu.de

www.gruene.de

www.goethe.de

www.spiegel.de

www.stern.de

www.languagesonline.org.uk

das-erste.de

zdf.de

zzzebra.de

dw-world.de

amazon.de

slowgerman.com

Foreign Language Newspapers: <http://www.libraries.mit.edu/guides/types/flnews/>

online Dictionary: dict.tu-chemnitz.de

Mapquest: <http://mapquest.com>

www.de.maps.yahoo.com

www.austria.at

www.schweiz.ch

<http://college.hmco.com> (Kaleidoskop website)

<http://www.apcentral.collegeboard.com>

www.good-bye-lenin.de

www.ddr-alltagskultur.com

www.schulweb.de

<http://gutenberg.spiegel.de>

<http://juma.de>

www.kindernetz.de

www.geo.de

<http://n-tv.de>

Songs: mtv.de, music and other videos converted from youtube.com

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

Teacher-prepared visuals

Videos and other materials available from school and county media centers.

Other teacher-prepared materials

videos from authentic sources (TV, Video Rentals)

Electronic media (CD-ROMs, Internet web sites, music CDs, etc.) A large selection of web sites can be accessed from the FL-Teach web site.

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Materials provided by the German Consulate

Content Specific Standards

[NJSL World Language](#)

Intermediate Low learners understand and communicate at the sentence level and can use simple sentences independently to identify the main idea and some supporting details when reading culturally authentic materials. They can understand the gist and some supporting details of conversations and media dealing with everyday life as well as infer the meaning of some unfamiliar words when used in familiar contexts.

INTERPRETIVE

7.1.IL.IPRET.1: Restate and describe the main idea and some details from informational and fictional texts (e.g., articles, blogs, TV programs, radio, video clips, podcasts) from other subject areas and products from the target culture(s).

7.1.IL.IPRET.2: React to a series of oral and written instructions connected to daily life.

7.1.IL.IPRET.3: Compare and contrast the use of verbal and non-verbal etiquette (i.e., the use of gestures, intonation, and cultural practices) in the target culture(s) and in one's own culture.

7.1.IL.IPRET.4: Infer the meaning of some unfamiliar words and ideas in some new contexts.

7.1.IL.IPRET.5: Compare and contrast some unique linguistic elements in English and the target language.

7.1.IL.IPRET.6: Using contextual authentic cultural resources, identify reasons for climate change in the target culture and in students' own community.

INTERPERSONAL

7.1.IL.IPERS.1: Request and provide information in conversations and in writing by creating simple sentences by combining and recombining learned language in order to express original ideas.

7.1.IL.IPERS.2: Ask and respond with appropriate comments and questions to factual and personal questions on familiar topics relating to daily life.

7.1.IL.IPERS.3: Give and follow a series of oral and written directions, commands, and requests for participating in classroom, cultural, and pastime activities.

7.1.IL.IPERS.4: Use appropriate gestures, intonation, and common idiomatic expressions of the target culture(s)/language in familiar situations.

7.1.IL.IPERS.5: Engage in short conversations about personal experiences or events and/or topics studied in other content areas.

7.1.IL.IPERS.6: Exchange information with classmates and with native speakers of the target language about the effects of climate change on the target language region(s) of the world and suggest a few possible solutions.

PRESENTATIONAL

7.1.IL.PRSNT.1: Combine and recombine learned language to express personal ideas about areas of interest when creating oral and written presentations that are shared with a target language audience.

7.1.IL.PRSNT.2: Present preferences on everyday topics of interest and explain reasons for the preferences, using simple sentences.

7.1.IL.PRSNT.3: Use language creatively to respond in writing to a variety of oral or visual prompts.

7.1.IL.PRSNT.4: Compare and contrast age- and level-appropriate culturally authentic resources orally and in writing.

7.1.IL.PRSNT.5: Compare and contrast global issues facing the target language regions of the world and those facing the students' own regions.

Intermediate Mid learners understand and communicate at the sentence level and use strings of sentences independently to accomplish the following tasks: identify the main idea and some supporting details when reading, understand the gist and some supporting details of conversations dealing with everyday life, infer the meaning of some unfamiliar words when used in familiar contexts.

INTERPRETIVE

7.1.IM.IPRET.1: Explain the main idea and some supporting details on familiar topics from sentences and series of connected sentences within texts that are spoken, written, or signed.

7.1.IM.IPRET.2: With the help of graphic organizers, compare information (i.e., main ideas, main characters, settings) in culturally authentic materials related to targeted themes.

7.1.IM.IPRET.3: React to oral and written instructions connected to daily activities and to some unfamiliar situations through oral and/or physical responses.

7.1.IM.IPRET.4: Recognize the use of verbal and non-verbal etiquette (i.e., gestures, intonation, and cultural practices) in the target culture(s) to determine the meaning of a message.

7.1.IM.IPRET.5: Use target language to paraphrase what is heard, viewed, or read in oral or written descriptions of people, places, objects, daily activities.

7.1.IM.IPRET.6: Restate oral conversations and written information on a variety of familiar and some unfamiliar topics.

7.1.IM.IPRET.7: Infer the meaning of some unfamiliar words in some new contexts.

7.1.IM.IPRET.8: Use knowledge of structures of the target language to deduce meaning of new and unfamiliar structures.

7.1.IM.IPRET.9: Use information gathered from culturally authentic resources to identify possible solutions to the effects of climate change.

INTERPERSONAL

7.1.IM.IPERS.1: Engage in conversations about personal experiences or events, topics studied in other content areas, and some unfamiliar topics and situations.

7.1.IM.IPERS.2: Interact with others to meet personal needs in a variety of familiar situations, creating sentences and series of sentences, and asking follow-up questions.

7.1.IM.IPERS.3: Exchange preferences, feelings, or opinions and give advice on a variety of familiar topics, creating sentences and strings of sentences, and asking some follow-up questions.

7.1.IM.IPERS.4: Use appropriate gestures, intonation, and common idiomatic expressions of the target culture(s)/language in familiar and some unfamiliar situations.

7.1.IM.IPERS.5: Initiate, maintain, and end a conversation using appropriate target language expressions and

sentences

7.1.IM.IPERS 6: Exchange information from a variety of resources with classmates about global issues, including climate change.

PRESENTATIONAL

7.1.IM.PRSNT.1: From culturally authentic resources, present information about personal events and social experiences to speakers of the target language, using sentences and a series of connected sentences.

7.1.IM.PRSNT.2: Tell stories about everyday topics and events that occur in the community, school, and personal situations, using sentences and strings of connected sentences.

7.1.IM.PRSNT.3: Use language creatively to respond in writing to a variety of oral or visual prompts about familiar and some unfamiliar situations.

7.1.IM.PRSNT.4: Report information found in age- and level-appropriate culturally authentic resources using sentences and strings of sentences.

7.1.IM.PRSNT.5: When expressing viewpoints, give reasons to support the claims.

7.1.IM.PRSNT.6: Relate stories about oneself and about events and other situations using sentences and strings of interrelated sentences.

7.1.IM.PRSNT.7: Compare cultural perspectives regarding the degradation of the environment of the target culture(s), including the effects of climate change, with those of students' own culture.

Interdisciplinary Standards

[NJSLS SOCIAL STUDIES](#)

6.1.12.History CC.11.b: Analyze the roles of various alliances among nations and their leaders in the conduct and outcomes of the World War II.

6.1.12.CivicsPD.16.a: Construct a claim to describe how media and technology has impacted civic participation and deliberation.

6.1.12.EconNE.16.a: Make evidenced-base inferences regarding the impact of technology on the global workforce and on entrepreneurship.

6.1.12.EconNE.16.b: Evaluate the economic, political, and social impact of new and emerging technologies on individuals and nations.

6.1.12.HistoryUP.16.a: Analyze the impact of American culture on other world cultures and determine the impact of social media on the dissemination of American culture

6.1.12.HistoryCC.16.b: Determine past and present factors that led to the widening of the gap between the rich and poor, and evaluate how this has affected individuals and society.

6.2 World History: Global Studies by the End of Grade 12

6.2.12.GeoPP.1.a: Determine the role of natural resources, climate, and topography in European exploration, colonization, and settlement patterns.

6.2.12.GeoGE.1.c: Assess the role of mercantilism in stimulating European expansion through trade, conquest, and colonization

6.2.12.HistoryCC.3.b: Explain how industrialization and urbanization affected class structure, family life, the daily lives of men, women, and children, and the environment.

6.2.12.CivicsPI.4.a: Compare and contrast socialism, communism, fascism, and liberal democracy, analyze the extent to which they promote and protect civil, political, social and economic rights for people, and explain the reasons for their growth or decline around the world

6.2.12.GeoSP.4.b: Determine how geography impacted military strategies and major turning points during World War II.

6.2.12.HistoryUP.4.b: Report on the influence of war, economic depression, and genocide on the arts, cultural values, and social ideas.

6.2.12.HistoryUP.4.c: Compare and contrast the actions of individuals as perpetrators, bystanders, and rescuers during events of persecution or genocide, and describe the long-term consequences of genocide for all

involved.

6.2.12.EconGE.6.c: Relate the rise of the Internet and social media to global economy.

6.3 Active Citizenship in the 21st Century by the End of Grade 12

6.3.12.HistoryCA.1: Analyze the impact of current governmental practices and laws affecting national security and/or First Amendment rights and privacy (e.g., immigration, refugees, seizure of personal property, juvenile detention, listening devices, deportation, religion in schools).

6.3.12.HistoryCA.2: Analyze a current foreign policy issue by considering current and historical perspectives, examining strategies, and presenting possible actions.

[NJSLS Visual and Performing Arts](#)

1.4.12prof.Cr2b: Examine the collaborative nature of the actor, director, playwright, and designers, and explore their interdependent roles.

1.4.12acc.Cr2a: Develop a dramatic interpretation to demonstrate a critical understanding of historical and cultural influences in a devised or scripted theatre work.

1.5.12prof.Pr4a: Analyze, select and curate artifacts and/or artworks for presentation and preservation.

1.5.12acc.Pr5a: Evaluate, select and apply methods or processes appropriate to display artwork in a specific place.

1.5.12acc.Re7b: Evaluate the effectiveness of visual artworks to influence ideas, feelings, and behaviors of specific audiences.

1.5.12adv.Cn11a: Assess the impact of an artist or a group of artists on the beliefs, values and behaviors of a society

Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills

[NJSLC Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills](#)

9.2.12.CAP.2: Develop college and career readiness skills by participating in opportunities such as structured learning experiences, apprenticeships, and dual enrollment programs.

9.2.12.CAP.4: Evaluate different careers and develop various plans (e.g., costs of public, private, training schools) and timetables for achieving them, including educational/training requirements, costs, loans, and debt repayment.

9.2.12.CAP.5: Assess and modify a personal plan to support current interests and postsecondary plans

9.2.12.CAP.6: Identify transferable skills in career choices and design alternative career plans based on those skills.

9.2.12.CAP.8: Determine job entrance criteria (e.g., education credentials, math/writing/reading comprehension tests, drug tests) used by employers in various industry sectors.

9.2.12.CAP.13: Analyze how the economic, social, and political conditions of a time period can affect the labor market

Computer Science and Design Thinking

[NJSLC Computer Science and Design Thinking](#)

8.1.12.CS.2: Model interactions between application software, system software, and hardware.

8.1.12.CS.3: Compare the functions of application software, system software, and hardware.

8.1.12.IC.1: Evaluate the ways computing impacts personal, ethical, social, economic, and cultural practices.

8.1.12.IC.2: Test and refine computational artifacts to reduce bias and equity deficits.

8.1.12.IC.3: Predict the potential impacts and implications of emerging technologies on larger social, economic, and political structures, using evidence from credible sources

8.2.12.ITH.3: Analyze the impact that globalization, social media, and access to open source technologies has had on innovation and on a society's economy, politics, and culture.

8.2.12.ETW.4: Research historical tensions between environmental and economic considerations as driven by human needs and wants in the development of a technological product and present the competing viewpoints.

Pacing Guide

UNIT ONE				
Theme	Title	Topics	Pacing Guide	Summative Assessments
Contemporary Life	How to enter the Global Job Market	Job applications Resumes Job interview	Marking Period One	Interpretive, interpersonal and presentational tasks administered throughout the marking period.
UNIT TWO				
Theme	Title	Topics	Pacing Guide	Summative Assessments
Family and Community	Integration Neue Heimat	Statistics about recent immigration in Germany and the US Biographical texts and videos from refugees in Germany Political cartoons Interviews with refugees/immigrants	Marking Period Two	Interpretive, interpersonal and presentational tasks administered throughout the marking period.
UNIT THREE				
Theme	Title	Topics	Pacing Guide	Summative Assessments

Science and Technology	Your Ecological Footprint	Calculating your ecological footprint Food consumption Trash	Marking Period Three Interpretive, interpersonal and presentational tasks administered throughout the marking period.	Interpretive, interpersonal and presentational tasks administered throughout the marking period.
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UNIT FOUR

Theme	Title	Topics	Pacing Guide	Summative Assessments
Science and Technology	Your Future with Artificial Intelligence	Artificial intelligence - the workplace - transportation - at home - in schools - during leisure time activities - traveling	Marking Period Four	Interpretive, interpersonal and presentational tasks administered throughout the marking period.

Formative and Summative Assessment

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENTS

Marzano Scale
 Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down
 Mini whiteboards
 Google Voice Calls
 Ticket out the Door/Exit Tickets
 Digital Exit Checks (Poll Everywhere, Socrative, Google Forms)
 Four Corners
 Sequence Cards
 Snowball Fight
 Window Panes
 Planned speaking assessments
 Postcard
 List Three Things
 Venn Diagram
 Hand In, Pass Out
 Write It Down
 Think Pair Share

Think Write Pair Share
Doodle It
Two Roses and a Thorn
Twitter Voting
Backchannel/Todaysmeet
Digital Cork Board: Padlet
Jigsaw Groups
Answer the Essential Question (Verbally or Written)
Make Predictions
Self-Assessment
Web/Concept Map
ePortfolio Check
Journal Entry
Inside-Outside Circle
One Sentence Summary
Sentence Frames
Talk a Mile a Minute
Tic-Tac-Toe/Think-Tac-Toe
3-2-1: 3 things you found out, 2 interesting things, 1 question you still have
Numbered Heads Together
Gallery Walk
Just Like Me (Stand up if you....)
Stand up, Hand up, Pair up

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS

Each marking period has one summative assessment. Each summative assessment includes all three modes of communication that measure the students linguistic and cultural proficiency according to the NJSLs.

Interpretive Task
Interpersonal Task
Presentational Writing/Speaking Task

BENCHMARK ASSESSMENTS

Midterm and Final Exams

These benchmark assessments provide students' linguistic and cultural proficiency level in each of the three modes of communication.

ePortfolios

Students upload evidence of linguistic and cultural proficiency, use Can Do Statements to identify proficiency in each of the modes of communication, and set goals about moving to increased proficiency.

ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENTS

Multiple choice questions

True/False questions during Interpretive tasks instead of exact fact recall

Main idea identification for Interpretive reading/listening task

Essay writing instead of interpersonal oral tasks

Narrations for comprehension check

Oral dictations

Recorded Presentational tasks that can be done from home/after school then viewed at a later date

Grading Procedures and Evaluation

GRADING GUIDELINES

In accordance with Board policy, grades are assigned each quarter. A final grade is determined and transcribed for courses at grades 6 – 12. In terms of proficiency the East Brunswick grades are as follows:

A	Excellent	Advanced Proficient
B	Good	Above Average Proficient
C	Fair	Proficient
D	Poor	Minimally Proficient
F	Failing	Partially Proficient

Grades will be determined by a variety of assessment strategies. In addition to interpretive, interpersonal and presentational performance assessments, students will be evaluated on cooperative group participation, note-taking, open-ended question responses, interpersonal conversations, ePortfolios and/or supplemental projects.

Grading Weights for Quarter Grades

10% Homework

10% Classwork/Participation

30% Presentational and interpersonal speaking

50% Interpretive and presentational writing

Final grades are weighted as follows:

Each quarter is 20% of the final grade. The midterm is 10% of the final grade, and the final exam is 10 % of the final grade.

Midterm exam grades are averaged into the second marking period and final exam grades are averaged into the fourth marking period. The final grade for the course is the average of the four marking period grades.

COURSE EVALUATION

Course achievement will be evaluated annually. In this course the goal is that a minimum of 95% of the pupils will meet at least the minimum proficiency level (D or better) set for the course. The department will analyze the achievement of students on unit assessments and final course grades and for final course grades the achievement of sub-groups identified by the state to determine if modifications in the curriculum and instructional methods are needed.

Other Information

World Language (AAAF)

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SCED

24259 Germany in the 21st Century Honors

German Conversation and Culture courses provide students with an introduction to the German language and the culture(s) of German-speaking people, placing greater emphasis on speaking and listening skills while deemphasizing writing and reading the language.

Course #	School #’s	Course Level	Grade(s)	Credits	Min. Per Week	Elective/Required	Initial Course
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PRIMARY CONTENT AREA AND SECONDARY AREAS OF FOCUS

NJ Student Learning Standards	NJ Student Learning Standards	NJ Student Learning Standards	
Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills	SMathematics	Computer Science and Design Thinking	S
Comprehensive Health and Physical Education	Science	Visual and Performing Arts	S
Language Arts Literacy	SSocial Studies	SWorld Languages	P