

Syllabus GERN 201 103 Fall 2023

This is a **shortened version**.

The complete Syllabus can be found on the Canvas-page of this course.

Land Acknowledgment

UBC Vancouver is located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the xwməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam) people. The land it is situated on has always been a place of learning for the Musqueam people, who for millennia have passed on their culture, history, and traditions from one generation to the next on this site.

As we learn together in this class, it is important to consider our presence on this territory, and, further, how we might support efforts to protect Indigenous land rights. It's also important to acknowledge this land in all the languages we use. If you speak languages other than English, think about how you might speak about these topics in those languages. If you're not sure, reach out to someone who might!



Gern 201 covers **Sag Mal Kapitel 7 - 9**, and is intended for students who have taken Germ 110 (=now "Gern 102") here at UBC, or have a similar level of German. **If you are unsure of your level, please send an e-mail to Dr. Biz Nijdam at biz.nijdam@ubc.ca.** The course materials will give you access to all *Sag Mal* chapters, including those covered in Germ 100 (now Gern 101) and Germ 110 (now Gern 102).

When & Where

This course section meets during the Winter Term 1 2023-24 on **Tuesdays & Thursdays, from 9:30-10:45 AM in Buchanan D 301.**

Your Instructor



My name is [Florian Faller](#), feel free to call me Florian.

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How best to contact me:

Talk to me after class, send me an email at florian.faller@ubc.ca or use the canvas discussion board.

Office Hours: Tuesday, 3:30 - 4:30 PM in Buchanan Tower 928 (or by appointment).



What We'll Need: Course Materials

1) Digital access to the textbook SAG MAL ("Zahg mahl"): An Introduction to German Language and Culture. 3rd Student Edition, by Christine Anton & Tobias Barske. Student Package with Online Access Code to Supersite Plus (SSPlus) and Web Student Activities Manual (wSAM).

Sag Mal is available through the UBC Bookstore in a digital or loose-leaf format. Both formats include either a 6- or 36-month access code to Supersite, the online platform integrated with the Sag Mal materials. The German Language Program uses all of the Sag Mal text book through its first four semesters, so you'll get your money's worth!

2) CANVAS (where you are right now!) will be used for accessing additional course material and modules. You can direct all technical questions to the Learning Technology Hub: lt.hub@ubc.ca.



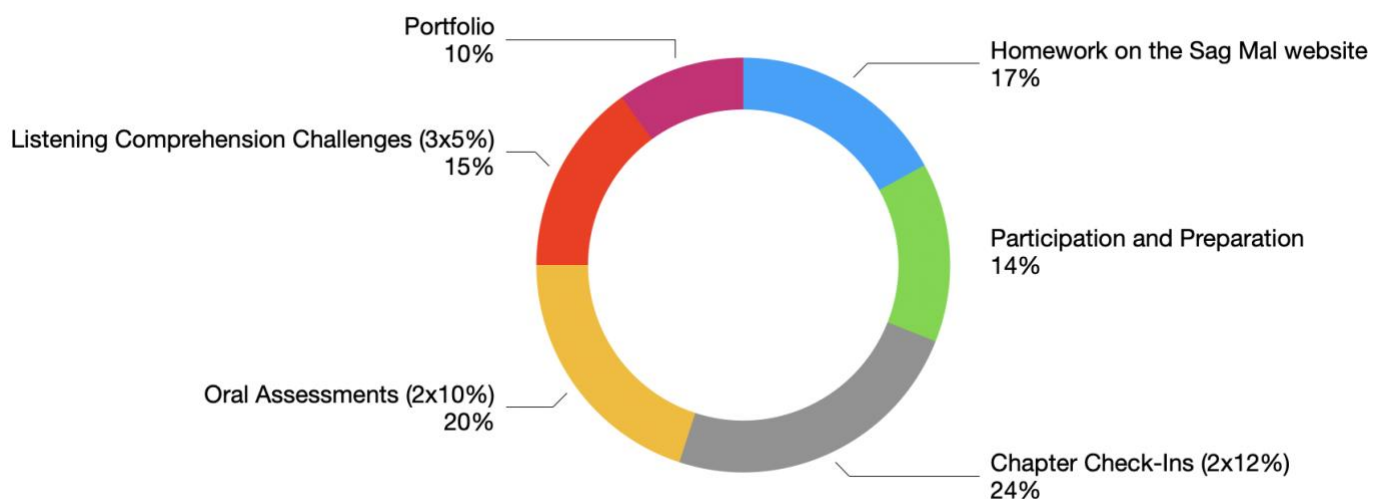
What We'll Learn: Course Outcomes

- to speak and write German about such topics as vacation, travel, means of transportation, technology, personal well-being and health
- to understand spoken German in audio documents and videos as well as written German, at the intermediate level
- to identify and debate significant cultural differences
- to enhance your understanding of your own cultural background
- to enhance your ability to manage ambiguity and uncertainty
- to apply a variety of learning strategies to succeed in language learning

There's nothing to fear in language learning. No one's perfect, but the effort is worth it! Learning German gives your voice, intellect, identity, emotions, and culture a new dimension, but it takes a bit of time and patience. Please be gentle with yourself and others. Let me know if you're ever feeling like you need some encouragement!

What about Grading?

Marking and assessment in UBC German classes are designed to encourage your progress and to coach you toward your goals. Here's how we do it.



Homework on the Sag Mal website (17%)

Your textbook is linked to a great online learning platform, where you will practice grammar, vocabulary, and other knowledge introduced in each chapter.

Participation and Preparation (14%)

Regular attendance at all classes and active participation in all class activities is fundamental to language learning success. Students come prepared for class by completing the work assigned by their instructor.

Chapter Check-Ins (24% = 2x12%)

We will have two Chapter Check-Ins in this course. The first one covers chapters 7 and 8, and the second one covers chapter 9. You will complete these online quizzes at home and they will be available on Canvas for a period of 24 hours. The actual writing time for each quiz is 60 minutes. The Chapter Check-Ins are open book assignments. No LockDown Browser is required.

Oral Assessments (20% = 2x10%)

Two times in the term, you will upload a) a text you've written in response to a prompt your instructor will give you, as well as b) a video of yourself reading or performing the text you've written.

Listening Comprehension Challenges (15% = 3x5%)

There will be a total of three short listening comprehension tasks in a semester. You will have to respond to a set of basic comprehension questions, so you can track your listening comprehension over time. All three Listening Comprehension Challenges will be available on Canvas for a period of 24 hours. No LockDown Browser is required.

Portfolio (10%)

The portfolio is an ongoing document for your personal exploration with German. You will hand in contributions for the portfolio three times in the semester, and grade your progress yourself. More detailed info will be on Canvas!

There are no traditional final exams or midterms in this course.

Get involved

Here are some tips for how to connect with the CENES community during your time in this course:

- +Check out our German Studies Instagram Page: [@ubcgermanstudies](#).
- +Join the [CENES Discord Server](#).
- +Subscribe to the [CENES student listserv](#) to stay up to date with CENES news and events.
- +Make an [advising appointment to learn about our Majors and Minors](#).
- +Follow us on [Facebook](#), [X](#) and [Instagram](#).

Course Timeline: Our plan for this term

Week	<i>Sag mal</i> <i>Culture Today</i>	
September 4 – 10 (Labor Day)	Kapitel 7	
September 11 – 17	Kapitel 7	
September 18 – 24	Kapitel 7	
Sept. 25 – October 1 (Truth and Reconciliation)	Kapitel 7	
October 2 – 8	Kapitel 7/8	
October 9 – 15 (Thanksgiving Day / Classes normally scheduled on <u>Thursday, October 12</u> are cancelled and replaced by classes normally scheduled on a Monday.)	Kapitel 8	
October 16 – 22	Kapitel 8	
October 23 – 29	Kapitel 8	
Oct. 30 – November 5	Kapitel 8	
November 6 – 12 (Remembrance Day)	Kapitel 9	Chapter Check-In (Kapitel 7 and 8) (Thursday, November 9)
November 13 – 19 Midterm Break: November 13 – 15	Kapitel 9	
November 20 – 26	Kapitel 9	
Nov. 27 – December 3	Kapitel 9	
December 4 – 7 (Last day of classes: Dec. 7)	Kapitel 9	Chapter Check-In (Kapitel 9) (Thursday, December 7)
December 11 – 22	Formal Examination Period	Final Portfolio Due: Date set by instructor

UBC Policies and Resources

The following policies and procedures are considered part of the class syllabus and policy. Feel free to talk them over with your instructor!

[UBC Attendance Policy](#)

Applying for [Academic Concession](#)

[Arts Academic Concession](#)

[UBC's Academic Code of Honour](#)

UBC's current [COVID-19](#) Policy

[Resources to support Student Success](#)

[Accommodations for Religious Holidays and Days of Significance](#)

[Using Online Netiquette](#)

[Use of Electronic Devices at UBC](#)

[Centre for Accessibility](#): Support for Disabled Students

UBC Calendar Entry for this course: "Introduction to the language. Ability to communicate accurately in a variety of everyday situations."