

Advanced Placement German Language and Culture Frequently Asked Questions

What is AP German Language?

Develop your German language proficiency through the exploration of a variety of interdisciplinary themes that tie closely to German culture.

In this course, you will use authentic German materials and sources to develop your language skills in multiple modes of communication, including two-way interactions in both writing and speaking, interpretation of audio, audiovisual, and print materials, and oral and written presentation of information and ideas.

Why should I take AP German Language?

Students who understand and are willing to accept that academic classes will become increasingly rigorous through high school and college often take AP classes to prepare themselves for these challenges. AP classes are weighted more than other classes and they look great on college applications if you're willing to put in the necessary work. The AP Exam, taken at the end of the year, offers the opportunity to earn college credit (often worth thousands of dollars in tuition) while still in high school.

How much and what type of work will I be doing?

A 90-minute class typically includes discussion of a current event for about 15 minutes and notes and lecture about a specific historical topic for about 30 minutes. The remainder of the class is usually spent doing an activity such as class debate, group work or reading discussions.

You should expect to work one-to-two hours each night. Homework typically consists of a reading assignment and a written activity, such as a first-person journal entry or writing sentences that include vocabulary words.

What are tests and quizzes like?

You'll have reading quizzes every other class and tests at the end of each unit. The test typically includes multiple choice, matching and an essay question. In mid-May, each student will take the AP Exam.

What is the AP Exam?

The AP Exam is the end-of-course test for AP German Language. It is administered by the College Board. There are two parts on the AP German Language exam: a 65-question multiple choice section consisting of two parts and a free-response section that requires writing and speaking. Each section counts for fifty percent of the score. Students have two hours and fifteen minutes to take the exams. Scores range from 1 to 5 and students who get a 3, 4, or 5 stand a good chance of receiving college credit for their score.

Who can I talk to if I need more information?

It's likely that some of your friends and acquaintances have taken an AP class before, and talking with them might give you an idea of what's in store. The best way would probably be to speak with Mr. David Gardner. You can email him at david.gardner@nn.k12.va.us. You can also visit the College Board's AP German Language and Culture website here: <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-german-language-and-culture>.

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