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Unit Outline – Advanced German

Unit overview

Unit: 50302 Lifestyle & TraditionsT (1.0)

Timeframe: 2019, Semester 2

Course: 5015 ADVANCED GERMAN

Teacher/s: Stephanie Borst

Unit Goals

This unit should enable students to:

Q1

- explore information from a variety of spoken, written and visual texts in a variety of modes
- demonstrate an awareness of artists in German-speaking countries and their time and their roles in German culture
- communicate in complex linguistic and cultural contexts
- analyse literature in the target language

Q2

- demonstrate, through the use of the language, an understanding of the festival culture in German-speaking countries
- demonstrate independent problem-solving and collaborative learning skills
- demonstrate competence in the use of appropriate technologies, ie digital cameras and presentational equipment
- use spoken and written language to obtain information and express opinions

Content

The theme of “the world around us” will be addressed in this unit through topics such as:

Q1: German Arts and Entertainment

- German art forms for example art, music, literature, theatre and poetry
- In-depth study of a German play, short novel or film

Q2: Cultural Identity and Diversity

- Culinary traditions and customs and the modern context
- The origin of festivals and the food related to them
- Dialects in German speaking communities
- Globalisation and change of traditions and lifestyle.

Suggested Grammatical Content

For an overview of grammar, see the BSSS ACT BSSS [Advanced German course document](#), Appendix B, Advanced Grammar Checklist, pages 53.

In the Advanced German course document, see also Appendix C, suggested activities for each semester unit, pages 54-60.

Assessment Items

Assessment Item	Due Date Range		Week	Weighting %
Responding (listening and reading)	26/08/2019	30/08/2019	6	30
Writing 1 (three short answers)	09/09/2019	13/09/2019	8	15
Speaking (discussion led by presenter)	04/11/2019	08/11/2019	15	30*
Writing 2 (single extended answer)	18/11/2019	22/11/2019	17	25

- * 20 for speaking and 30 for writing in Q2 as a stand-alone half unit (ie 40 & 60 expressed as percentages); see page 8 of ACT BSSS Languages Course Framework 2015-2019.

General Assessment Criteria

Students will be assessed in each of the assessment tasks on the degree to which they demonstrate:

- communicating
- understanding.

ACT BSSS Assessment Procedures

Completion of assessment items: Students are required to substantially complete and submit all assessment items that contribute to the assessment for a unit unless due cause and adequate evidence is provided. Otherwise, any student who fails to submit assessment tasks worth in total 70% or more of the assessment for the unit will be deemed to have voided the unit.

Late submission of work: Late work will be subject to a penalty of 5% per day including weekends, unless prior arrangement is made for an extension, supported by evidence of due cause for the extension.

Moderation, calculation of unit scores and course scores: Moderation is conducted every semester to ensure comparability of grades from different schools. Your unit scores will be calculated from your results in the assessment items for each unit. These will be scaled through small group moderation with the scaling group consisting of a comparable cohort for the course area in the ACT system. BSSS calculates your course score in each T or H course from your best 80% unit scores. A course score indicates how well you performed in your course compared to all other students in the course's scaling group.

Plagiarism: Assessment tasks must be done without plagiarism. Advice in relation to ownership of work, acknowledgement of sources and plagiarism is outlined on the ACT BSSS website. See below or follow the link from the CAL website.

Appeals: Procedures for appealing a grade or score may be found on the ACT BSSS website. See below or follow the link from the CAL website.

Attendance/Participation: It is expected that students will attend and participate in all scheduled classes/contact time/structured learning activities for the units in which they are enrolled, including off-site components in the blended learning program, unless there is due cause and adequate documentary evidence is provided. Any student whose attendance falls below 90% of the scheduled classes/contact time or 90% participation in structured learning activities in a unit, without due cause supported by adequate evidence will be deemed to have voided the unit.

Additional information about assessment is available from www.cal.act.edu.au/programs.htm#assessment.

Grade Descriptors

Grade descriptors for this unit can be found in the course document:

http://www.bsss.act.edu.au/_data/assets/word_doc/0014/314330/Advanced_German_T_15-19.docx.

Assessment rubrics are based on the assessment criteria (see above) and on the grade descriptors.