



Unit overview

Unit: 57553 Society and Community T (1.0)

Timeframe: 2020, Semester 2

Course: 5725 ADVANCED GERMAN

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Unit Description

Students learn how different language communities are organized. They learn through the target language how to engage in diverse cultural practices and consider these in relation to their own. Students explore how to participate in society and the community.

Unit Goals

This unit should enable students to:

- evaluate the dynamic interrelationship of language and culture, and the importance of intercultural capabilities
- acquire language learning processes and strategies which enable students to communicate understandings about communities.

Content

The theme of “society and community” will be addressed in this unit through the organisers/domains and focus areas listed under the domains for reflection by students, as shown below. For the nexus to topics, see the term overviews where the domains are referenced by the numbering below.

Q1: Society and Community a

- 1) Engaging with texts in relation to society and community
 - a) Roles and responsibilities in education, occupations and tradition
 - b) Expression of ideas, beliefs and values
- 2) Contexts of language and culture
 - a) Effect of intercultural understanding on communication and interaction in society and community
 - b) Aspects of intercultural communication such as register and body language
 - c) How customs/traditions may vary within and between cultures, and across time
 - d) Own language learning and intercultural experiences
- 3) Values, beliefs and perspectives
 - a) Self and others as members of society
 - b) How society and community are established and maintained through cultural, intercultural and intracultural perspectives
 - c) Reflection on own values, beliefs and practices.

Q2: Society and Community b

- 4) Features of language use
 - a) Ideas, concepts and opinions related to social organisation and engagement
 - b) Sharing ideas and understanding perspectives
 - c) Responding to audience, purpose and context in spoken and written interactions with consideration of gender, age or dialect
 - d) Processes and strategies in viewing, listening and reading
 - e) Grammatical features and functions for communication, accuracy, complexity and fluency
- 5) Reflection
 - a) Reflection on learning processes recognising cognitive, cultural, personal and linguistic elements of language acquisition

Language specific information

For language specific information, including an overview of essential understandings and grammar for the program, see Appendix F in each BSSS ACT BSSS Modern Languages course document.

Assessment Items

Assessment Item Task Mode	Category	Week	Weighting %
Listening	Inquiry	6	20
Reading	Test conditions	8	30
Speaking	Inquiry	13	20
Writing	Test conditions	15	30

In-class and inquiry categories and weightings will alternate within each half-unit each semester.

General Assessment Criteria

Students will be assessed in each of the assessment tasks on the degree to which they demonstrate: knowledge and understanding; and skills.

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 course score in each T or H course is calculated 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. For more details, see http://www.bsss.act.edu.au/information_for_students/scaling_and_the_atar.

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 required 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.

Achievement standards, assessment tasks, program of learning

Achievement standards for this unit can be found in the course document:

<http://www.bsss.act.edu.au/curriculum/courses> > Advanced Modern Languages.

Assessment rubrics are based on the task type, task mode and assessment criteria (see above) and on the achievement standards. **For information about assessment task types**, see that sub-heading in the course document. For specific details including task types relating to each assessment task, see the assessment task descriptions via the links on the class page at <https://languages.org.au>.

The CAL **program of learning** comprises for each unit comprises the unit outline, the term overviews and the weekly modules. More details are available at <https://languages.org.au> and on the CAL Google Classroom portal.