

# AP German Language and Culture

2011-12

## Key Goals of Course Revisions

The revisions to the AP German Language and Culture were designed to accomplish the following key goals:

- **Align with national standards**  
The revisions integrate the instructional goals — Communications, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, Communities — outlined in [Standards for Foreign Language Learning in the 21st Century](#).
- **Focus on communication**  
Students will demonstrate proficiency in the three modes of communication: Interpersonal, Interpretive and Presentational.
- **Encourage cultural awareness**  
Students will develop an awareness and appreciation of aspects of the target culture, including products (tools, books, music, laws, conventions, institutions); practices (patterns of social interactions); and perspectives (values, attitudes, assumptions).
- **Incorporate a thematic approach**  
A thematic structure enables students to study a variety of concepts in interesting, meaningful, engaging contexts.
- **Provide clear learning objectives**  
The learning objectives describe the college-level knowledge and skills students need to succeed on the AP Exam.
- **Provide achievement-level descriptions**  
Performance indications enable teachers to gain insight into students' performance and adjust curriculum and instruction to meet their needs.

For detailed information, download the [AP German Language and Culture Course and Exam Description, Effective Fall 2011](#).

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