



LAN-240: Theological German 5776/2016 Syllabus & Schedule

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Course Identification:

Course Number:	LAN-240	Course Credits:	3 credit hours
Course Name:	Theological German	Prerequisites:	LAN-101 (recommended)
Class Location:	online		

Course Description

This 12-week course will cover the German language with emphasis on theological vocabulary. This is the language used for a large corpus of theological and religious commentary from the 16th to 20th centuries and continues to be important in this present century. It is always preferable to engage a text (even a commentary) in its original language so as not to be captive to the bias or agenda (conscious or not) of a translator.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to demonstrate:

- Da'at (Theoria): basic knowledge of the grammatical structure of Modern German
- Binah (Praxis): ability to read and comprehend Theological German
- Chochma (Poiesis): ability to render Theological German in accurate and understandable English

Required Course Texts & Course Materials

- Manton, J.D. *Introduction to Theological German*. Eugene, Ore.: Wipf & Stock, 2004 (orig. 1971). ISBN 978-1-59244-855-0.

Supplemental educational learning materials may include but are not limited to

- Turabian, Kate. *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*. 8th Edition. Chicago, Ill.: University of Chicago Press, 2013.
- Internet access (broadband recommended)
- Microsoft Word (or something comparable)
- Media player software
- *German readings will be provided by the Professor.*

Course Format

- This course will be conducted in an online format combining textbook readings and assignments with video presentations and skype support.

Assessment

- Essay assignments and research projects will be evaluated on a standard grading rubric. Written examinations will be graded according to content (multiple choice, fill-in-the blank, short answer, and/or essay).
- This course will be conducted in an **online** format combining textbook readings and assignments with video presentations and skype support. Vocabulary and Grammar evaluations will be conducted regularly, and vocalization audits will be conducted by skype or phone.

Student Homework Policy Statement:

Messianic Jewish Rabbinate (MJR) syllabi contain assignments in alignment with the federal government's definition of appropriate assigned homework for each unit hour. For each hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction, two hour of out of class student work will be assigned. (For example, a 3 credit hour course will include an average of 3 hours of homework each week for 12 weeks). Assignments are directly relevant to course objectives and learning outcomes and are included at the end of the syllabi. Each assignment will be graded and recorded by the instructor.

Course Requirements and Assignments

- Textbook readings
- Capstone Project (1)
- Midterm Examination and 5 quizzes

Course Grading and Policies

Points

The grade for Messianic Apologetics will be based on the following:

Quizzes (5 at 50 pts each)	250
Vocalization (5 at 50 pts each)	250
Midterm Examination	250
Capstone Project	250
Total	1000

Scale

A = 940–1000; A- = 920–939; B+ = 900–919; B = 860–899; B- = 840–859; C+ = 820–839; C = 780–819; C- = 760–779; D+ = 740–759; D = 700–739; D- = 680–699; F = 679 and below

Late Assignments Policy

If students is unable to compete an assignment on time, then they must contact the instructor immediately by email. Assignments that are submitted after the due date without prior approval from the instructor will receive the following deductions:

- Late assignments submitted within one week of the due date will receive a 10% deduction.
- Assignments submitted more than one week late will receive a 20% deduction.
- Assignments submitted two weeks late or after the final date of the class will not be accepted.

Style Guidelines

All assignments for this course are to be formatted in accordance with the latest edition of the Turabian style manual. Discussion assignments and essay examinations may use the parenthetical citation style.

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NOTE: Each course week begins on Saturday evening after sunset and ends on Friday evening at sunset. Assignments date-stamped on the Sabbath will not be accepted.

MODULE/ WEEK	READING & STUDY	ASSIGNMENTS	POINTS
1	Manton: Guide to German pronunciation		
2	Manton: lessons 1 & 2 <i>gender and definiteness</i>	Quiz 1	50
3	Manton: lessons 3 & 4 <i>nouns and adjectives</i>	Quiz 2	50
4	Manton: lessons 5 & 6 <i>verbs and cases</i>	Quiz 3	50
5	Manton: lessons 7 & 8 <i>tenses and aspects</i>	Quiz 4	50
6	Review Manton chapters 1-8	Midterm Examination (cumulative)	250
7	Manton: lessons 9 & 10 <i>tenses and moods</i>	Quiz 5	50
8	Manton: lessons 11 & 12 <i>vocabulary and translation</i>		
9	Manton: lessons 13 & 14 <i>vocabulary and translation</i>		
10	Readings TBA		
11	Readings TBA		
12	Readings TBA	Capstone Project: German article analysis	250

NOTE: Each student will have 1 vocalization session every other week through Week 11. Half of the students will vocalize on even-numbered weeks beginning week 2; the other half will vocalize on odd-numbered weeks beginning week 3. Each session is worth 50 points, for a total of 250 (for all 5).

Project Descriptions

Detailed rubrics will be provided nearer to the respective due dates

Midterm Examination

You will be tested on vocabulary, grammar, and paradigms.

Capstone Project: German article analysis

Write an article review on a German article or short work, translating short sections of the original work as appropriate. The analysis should demonstrate a comprehension of the material which was read. Provide a copy of the original German material along with the analysis. Complete translation of the entire work is *not* necessary.

