

Advanced Placement German IV at James Bowie High School

It is very important that you and your student select courses for next year with careful consideration. ~~June 10~~ **May 1** will be the absolute deadline for any student or parent to **request changes**. This must be done through written communication with the data processing office at Bowie. **After ~~June 10~~ May 1**, requests for course drops **will not be considered** until a student has been in a class for two weeks. Such requests will go to committee for review and decision.

It is important that students learn to face challenges and that they understand the meaning of commitment. Furthermore, students' course selections determine the master schedule, the hiring and reassignment of teachers, and the purchase of classroom materials, so we will strictly adhere to these deadlines.

German IV is an **AP Course (Honors weighted)**. The College Board recommends the curriculum.

In order to ensure the success of the AP student, these criteria must be met:

- **Has maintained above an 85 average in German III pre-AP**
- **Completes assignments regularly and promptly**
- **Works well independently**
- **Has a high level of motivation and interest**
- **Has sufficient time to prepare out-of-class assignments**

During the year, students will develop reading and listening skills appropriate for unedited, authentic literary and journalistic text. They will plan and write essays in German. They will participate in discussions in which they present, challenge and defend ideas. Students will have nightly reading assignments and will be responsible for keeping up with current vocabulary and grammar. They will need to dedicate a minimum of 30 minutes a day to German.

Students who successfully complete German IV AP will be able to continue on to the German V AP course and take the Advanced Placement Exam, or take a college placement exam in college. The score and the college, which students plan to attend, will determine the amount of college credit students will receive. On average, Bowie students achieve an 80 to 95% passing rate on the German Advanced Placement Exam.

If you have any questions, please contact the German IV AP teacher, Dr. Siwak, by phone at 414-7346, or by e-mail at esiwak@austinisd.org

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