

# Advanced Class

By the end of this class, you'll have a solid understanding of:

- Practical applications of vocabulary and grammatical structures to communicate in German through speaking, listening, reading and writing
- Cultural comparisons, connections and perspectives between the US and Germany
- Identifying underlying messages and some supporting details in texts, conversations and discussions
- Expressing opinions and preferences in discussions and in writing

## Course Overview:

### Communicative Themes:

- Current Events: politics, entertainment, culture, film, music
- Who am I?: Identity, personality traits, describing people
- Interacting with others: partnerships, friendships, love
- Interests, education and occupations
- Daily life in Germany: childhood, youth, family life, age
- Multi-cultural society: perspectives and prejudices
- Food and drink: healthy eating, trends, cooking
- Health, sickness and healthy lifestyles
- Other topics upon student request

### Grammatical Themes: Review and build upon prior knowledge:

- Verbs: present, past, perfect, future, conditional, subjunctive, passive voice, reflexive verbs, modal auxiliaries, principal parts of weak and strong verbs, separable and inseparable prefixes, infinitive with "zu"
- Nouns: gender, number, nominative, accusative, dative, genitive cases, prefixes, suffixes
- Pronouns: personal, possessive, relative, demonstrative
- Adjectives: comparative, superlative, adjective endings
- Numerals and expressions of time
- Use of als, wenn and wann
- Word order, syntax, clauses
- Prepositions
- Direct vs. indirect speech
- Idioms, proverbs, homophones, homonyms, high-frequency words