



# German-Texan Heritage Society

## Fall 2010 German Classes – Brenham

The German-Texan Heritage Society (GTHS) offers two levels of German language classes for adults in Brenham, TX. Two sessions will be offered during the Fall 2010 Semester, including a 4-week intensive session and a longer 6-week session. All classes are 90-120 minutes long and meet once a week at the Student Center in Conference Room 1 at Blinn College, 902 College Avenue, Brenham.

The cost of a 4-week class is \$35 for GTHS members and \$45 for non-members. A 6-week class costs \$45 for GTHS members and \$55 for non-members. Some classes require a textbook which is available from GTHS and costs \$20.00. Registration closes on August 20 and October 15 for the first and second sessions, respectively. Class size is limited, so please register early. A registration form can be downloaded at [www.germantexans.org](http://www.germantexans.org).

The registration form and full tuition should be sent to: GTHS, P.O. Box 684171, Austin, TX 78768-4171. For more information, please contact Melanie Schmidt-Dumont at [programs@germantexans.org](mailto:programs@germantexans.org) or call 1-866-482-4847.

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### Session 1: August 25 – September 15, 2010

#### Introduction to Conversational German

Teacher: Christine Schoen Wood

Wednesdays – 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm; August 25 – September 15, 2010

4-week course, 2 hours a week, no textbook required

This class is a 4-week introduction to Beginning Conversational German. Students will learn commonly used words and phrases and their correct pronunciation. This class is meant for those who know no German or who want to brush up on the basics. Upon completion of the course, participants should be able to pronounce the alphabet and sound out word combinations, read and speak simple phrases, and be able to understand and speak simple sentences.  
No prerequisite.

#### Intensive German for Travelers

Teacher: Christine Schoen Wood

Wednesdays – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm; August 25 – September 15, 2010

4-week course, 2 hours a week, textbook required

This class is intended for students who wish to expose themselves to as much German as possible in a short time. Students often take this course in conjunction with a conversation course. This class uses Taylor and Haas' *German: A Self Teaching Guide* (available at GTHS for \$20). The class emphasizes structure, vocabulary, and conversation and is designed for those who have completed German I or already know some German. Upon completion of 4 weeks of Intensive German, students should be able to participate in basic conversations focused on traveling. Students will learn how to get around in Germany while on vacation and acquire the necessary vocabulary in group discussion, as well as in role-playing.  
Pre-requisite: German I or equivalent

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## **Session 2: October 20 – December 1, 2010 (no class November 24)**

### **Beginning Conversational German**

Teacher: Christine Schoen Wood

Wednesdays – 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm; October 20- December 1, 2010 (no class November 24)

6-week course, 1.5 hours a week, no textbook required

This class concentrates on commonly used words and phrases and their correct pronunciation, using a conversational approach to teaching. This class is meant for those who know no German or who want to brush up on the basics. Upon completion of the course, participants should be able to pronounce the alphabet and sound out word combinations, read and speak simple phrases, and be able to understand and speak simple sentences, including asking for directions, ordering off the menu, and telling time and general conversation.

No prerequisite.

### **Improve your German skills**

Teacher: Christine Schoen Wood

Wednesday – 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm; October 20- December 1, 2010 (no class November 24)

6-week course, 1.5 hours a week, textbook required

Do you want to expand your vocabulary and put the finishing touches on your knowledge of German grammar? In this class you will learn to speak, write and read simple German. The course will focus on basic vocabulary, verbs, and the declension of nouns. Additionally, some tenses will be introduced. Important grammatical constructions are built into the framework of each lesson, which are oriented towards day-to-day usage and dialogue. Students will review the German I contents from the book Taylor and Haas' *German: A Self Teaching Guide* and discuss them in more detail. The self-teaching guide is available from GTHS and costs \$20.00.

No prerequisite, although many find Beginning Conversational German helpful.