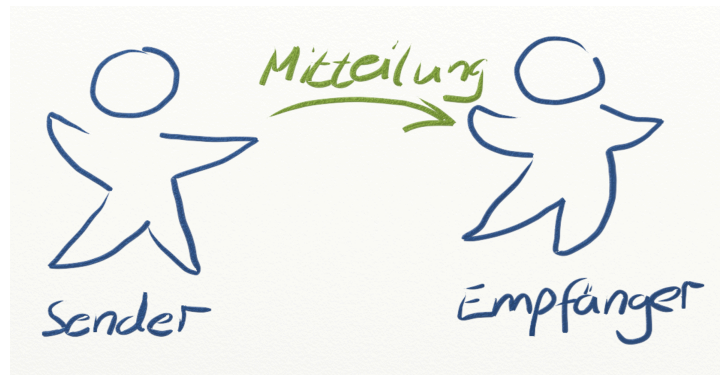


# How People Talk: The Structure and Organization of Spoken German



Tuesday/Thursday 11:10-12:30 pm  
160 Hagerty Hall

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The focus of this class is the structure or grammar of spoken German in various contexts. Students will learn how to analyze systematically the structure of spoken German by working with transcripts of recorded conversations. We will learn about the regional and social aspects, structural differences between written and spoken discourse, everyday and institutional talk (e.g. interviews), and non-verbal behavior (intonation and gesture). For example, through examining spoken language, students recognize how German speakers formulate requests and compliments, in other words, how speakers do things with words, grammar, and intonation in various contexts.

## Learning Goals and Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will have the knowledge and skills to:

- transcribe spoken German language
- analyze the linguistic differences between spoken and written German with regard to syntax, lexis and semantics
- improve and fine-tune students' German speaking skill and develop interactional competence in German.

## Assessment

Class participation	10%	Midterm	20%
2 Transcription tasks,	10%	Paper	30%
Homework/data analysis	15%	Paper presentation	15%