

Geschäftsdeutsch

The topics of German 1004:

- ⇒ Consumer, salary/wages and purchasing power
- ⇒ Tax system, social system
- ⇒ Financial institutes, money & transactions
- ⇒ Industrial nation: Locations and industries
- ⇒ Economy: trade, employers & employees, import & export

Special section of German 1004:

- ⇒ Environment, environmental protection
- ⇒ Alternative and renewable energies:
 - Wind energy
 - Solar energy
 - Geothermal energy
 - Bioenergy
 - Hydro-electric power
- ⇒ Exporting alternative energy technologies

... and this is what your fellow students have to say about German 1004:

"I liked how Dr. Waeltermann presented the course material in a very interesting manner while at the same time using his own experiences to also portray how the course material is applicable in the real world."

"Teaches you how to correct mistakes/why they were made as opposed to simply correcting them, very knowledgeable about subject matter, very articulate."

"The aspect of this course which I found to be most beneficial is holding the class (speaking, writing, reading) entirely in German."

"I liked the relaxed and open atmosphere in class. It was very open for discussion and we all had good interactions. I also like that we learned relevant topics that are applicable to today's world and feel like they really benefit my knowledge about Germany, especially for career purposes. Herr Waeltermann was so cool and knowledgeable and made class fun. He definitely challenged me and I definitely think my German skills have improved."

"Open to discussion/question taking. Lots of information given that is known by someone within the industry instead of all directly from the textbook."



German 1004: Details

This course introduces you to the world of German business, industry, and banking, the major players, their major technologies, and Germany's role as one of the top exporting countries in the world (topped only by China) and a major importing one.



Your benefits

You will learn about the importance of exports & imports on business as well as R&D. Learn about the German automotive industry, the chemical industry, the role of foreigners in German culture as well as in business and

industry, and ... Germany's role in environmental protection as well as renewable and alternative energy.



Nord-Ostsee-Kanal & Elbe @ Brunsbüttel (©imagefoto.de): Busiest waterway in the world

Learn about:

- Renewable energies: Where they can be found and how they work
- The importance of renewable energy in the German power grid (2018: 40.3%)
- Wind energy – the prime contributor among renewable energies with more than 20% in 2018

... und alles auf Deutsch!

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First COVID-19, then the attack on the Ukraine. The impacts on trade (import | export) and energy supply took center stage in the German and EU economy. As a result, additional time and material will be spent on these sections of the course.

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