

HANDOUT 2.3 E - GERMAN SCHOOL SCHEDULE

School Calendar: US vs. Germany¹

Directions: List your school holidays and vacations for each month. If it's a legal holiday, star it. In Germany if a legal holiday falls on a weekend, you won't have a day off!

	United States	Germany
August August		School starts mid-late August
September September		
October Oktober		Fall Break 1-2 weeks off; begins 7-8 weeks after the start of school 3 Day of German Unity
November November		11 St. Martin's Day 31 Halloween
December Dezember		4 Barbara 6 St. Nicholas Day or Santa Claus 24, 25, 26 Christmas 1-2 weeks off
January Januar		1 New Year's Day
February Februar		Winter Break 1-2 weeks off 14 Valentines' Day

¹ Just as in the United States, the school holidays and vacations in the 16 states in Germany vary. So that all Germans are not vacationing at the same time, the beginning and ending of the school year rotates.

March März		Carnival ²
April April		Good Friday ³ Easter ⁴ and Easter Monday 2- 3 weeks off
May Mai		1 Labor Day First Sunday Mother's Day
June Juni		Ascension Day ⁵ and at the same time Father's Day
July Juli		End of school 6 weeks summer vacation

Source: *Germany Holidays* (n.d.) Retrieved 1.7.12 from http://www.holidays-info.com/Holidays-Germany/2011/holidays_2011.html

² The actual date will vary from year to year.

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⁵ 40th day after Easter, always a Thursday