Unterordnende (Subordinierende) Konjunktionen

Unlike the conjunctions you already know (*und, aber,* etc.), these new conjunctions will <u>change the word order</u> in your sentences, so you always need to be aware of them. The subordinating conjunctions that you need to know for now are:

dass	**weil**	**ob**
that	*because*	*if, whether*

There are many more conjunctions like this in German, which you will pick up along the way and learn next semester. Some other frequent conjunctions are as follows.

wenn	**bevor**	**damit**	**obwohl**	**während**	**bis**
when, if	*before*	*so that*	*although*	*while*	*until*

When you use any of these conjunctions, the conjugated verb that follows the conjunction will move to the <u>very end</u> of the clause -- even AFTER any infinitives or participles. Observe the following examples:

Weißt du, ob wir heute Unterricht <u>haben</u>?   (wir <u>haben</u> --> heute Unterricht ____)
Ich kann nicht kommen, weil mein Auto kaputt <u>ist</u>. (mein Auto <u>ist</u> --> kaputt ____)
Er sagt, dass ich zu spät gekommen <u>bin</u>.   (ich <u>bin</u> --> zu spät gekommen ____)
Ich glaube nicht, dass ich gut kochen <u>kann</u>.   (ich <u>kann</u> --> gut kochen ____)

Please note that the commas are required in German and always occurs immediately before the conjunction.

There are two pitfalls to be avoided here. One is forgetting to move the verb -- just pay attention to the conjunction, and move the verb appropriately. But the other pitfall is moving the WRONG verb: notice that in the part of the sentence BEFORE the conjunction, the word order is completely normal. It's only the part of the sentence AFTER the conjunction that changes at all.

<u>coordinating</u>		<u>subordinating</u>			
(no change in word order)		*(verb moves to end of clause)*			
aber	= *but*	als	= *when*	obwohl, obgleich	= *although*
denn	= *because, for (causal)*	bevor	= *before*	seit, seitdem	= *since (temporal)*
oder	= *or*	bis	= *until*	sobald	= *as soon as*
sondern	= *but rather, instead*	da	= *because, since (causal)*	solange	= *as long as*
und	= *and*				
entweder... oder	= *either...or*	damit	= *so that*	statt dass	= *instead of (+ verb)*
weder...noch	= *neither...nor*	dass	= *that*	während	= *while*
		daher, darum	= *therefore, thus*	wann	= *when*
		nachdem	= *after*	weil	= *because*
		ob	= *if, whether*	wenn	= *if, when, whenever*