

Course Abstract

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Course ID and Name: GER 121 Elementary German I

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Prerequisites: None

Co-requisites: None

Course Description:

Basic skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing. Supporting work in the language laboratory. For students beginning German or with less than two years of German in high school.

General Education Status: GE HUM

Credits:

3

Lecture Hours:

3

Lab Hours:

Supplemental

Learning Outcomes:

1. Comprehend simple questions and statements about daily activities and interests: family members, weather, time, address, age.
2. Create basic declarative and interrogative sentences applying vocabulary in familiar areas.
3. Read basic sentences and dialogues recognizing cognates, and words in context.
4. Write simple statements and sentences applying learned grammatical concepts, and idiomatic expressions.
5. Identify major cultural contributions, and recognize basic cultural patterns.

Course Content Areas:

1. Pronouns: personal (nominative & accusative cases), indefinite (*niemand, jemand, man*).
2. Present tense: regular verbs (formation and usage), stem-changing verbs. *Haben- sein- werden- möchte*.
3. Imperative forms: regular verbs, stem-changing verbs, *sein*; formal; informal sg. & pl.; 1st pl.

4. German sound, stress, and intonation patterns: lexicon, statements, questions.
5. Articles:
 - a. Definite - nominative and accusative cases.
 - b. Indefinite - nominative and accusative cases.
 - c. *Kein* - nominative and accusative cases.
6. Transitive and intransitive verbs.
7. Nouns: gender; plurals compounds; subgroups (-en).
8. Cardinal numbers.
9. Word order: statements; specific emphasis; yes/no questions; interrogative word question; present perfect tense.
10. Adjectives: predicate, possessive.
11. Prepositions: with accusative case.
12. Present perfect tense: formation and usage(regular verbs).
13. *Sie/du*-address as cultural indicators (social effect).
14. Greetings at different occasions and among different age groups; the use of touch and gestures.
15. Forms of address *Herr, Frau, Fräulein*.
Culture specific usage.
16. Cognates and English/German lexical commonalities: origins.
17. Uncomplicated travel routines: German, Austrian, Swiss currency information; local transportation, customs.
18. Appreciation of differences (values discussion) related to mannerisms at table and in public places.
19. Weather.
20. U.S./German differences in hotel accommodations.
21. Common courtesies: visiting.
22. Introductions: language formulae; the handshake.