

German language beginner´s course A1

Fall term 2022: 5 September – 9 December 2022

CATEGORY

German Language

COURSE STRUCTURE

3 contact hours à 45 min per week (14 weeks)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Time

Day: Wednesday, 9.00 am – 11:30 am

Place

t.b.a.

COURSE LANGUAGE

German/English

Language requirements

The course is held in German. Grammar may be explained in English where necessary. It will be worked with a lot with pictures, audios, a German book and useful exercises for everyday situations will be practiced.

TARGET GROUP

Humboldt Perspectives Study Abroad courses are designed for undergraduate students. Master students may participate if their home university agrees. Prior knowledge in German is not required. This course is directed at students interested in learning basic German, in communicating in everyday situations, and in preparing for the Goethe-Institute Certificate *Start A1*. The certificate isn´t part of the course, but can be taken after the successful completion of the German course in the Goethe-Institute Berlin.

CREDITS = 6 ECTS

All courses are accredited according to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Registration on Moodle (HU's e-learning platform)

in case of online classes

- Fully functional device (laptop, tablet, PC)
- Stable internet connection
- Software: Zoom (video/audio)
- *Recommended* hardware: external headset for better sound quality

EXPECTATIONS & POLICIES

Preparation for lively discussions: be on time, have at least the required readings completed, and points in mind for discussion or clarification.

Assignments: complete all assignments according to the specified requirements on the schedule including handing them over to the lecturer.

Commitment: pay particular attention to the lecturer and respect differences of opinions (classmates', lecturers).

Academic guidelines: Comply with academic integrity policies (such as no plagiarism or cheating, nothing unethical) especially the academic honor code and the student code of conduct.

Attendance policy: Students must contact their class teachers to catch up on missed work – to excuse absence please contact the lecturer.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course, the basics of grammar and German vocabulary are conveyed and practiced to enable students to communicate in everyday situations in the German language successfully. The basics of the conjugation of verbs and the usage of articles in the German language are the subject of this course at A1 level. You will learn to introduce yourself and to form simple sentence constructions. A focus is placed on oral language skills, which are developed through interactive working methods. Topics related to German regional studies are also integrated into the course.

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

The students are capable of understanding and using familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type. Furthermore, the students are able to introduce themselves and others and are able to ask and answer questions about personal details such as where they live, people they know and things they have. They are able to interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages A1).

ASSIGNMENT INFO

Workload and assignments

In order to be granted 6 ECTS, participants will be asked to

- actively participation in class (20% of final grade)
- prepare and revise the classroom/online sessions
- three tests (first one: written, second one: audio and lecture, third one: oral) (50% of final grade)
- final exam (30% of final grade)

A minimum of 75% class attendance is required.

Assessment Components

The final grade will be composed of the above-mentioned assignments.

YOUR INSTRUCTOR

Laura Sophie Holzer is a German teacher. Since 2016 she is teaching German for the Goethe-Institute Santiago de Chile and received her further education certification *Grünes Diplom* from the Goethe-Institute. Furthermore, she holds a BA in cultural science, education and organisational and social psychology from Leuphana University. Currently she is studying her Master in culture science with a focus on (post-)colonialism, migration and feminism at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week 1: Introduction to the course and starting with basic German: to exchange greetings, to use basic phrases about personal details, to present others and to ask for their well-being

Week 2: Numeracy and languages: to ask for telephone numbers/prices, nationalities and languages

Week 3: Café and market: to order, to pay, to ask for food and drinks

Week 4: Daily routine and profession: to talk about daily routine, hobbies, and your profession

Week 5: Family and celebrations: to talk about your family, origin, and tradition, to present a party, to write an invitation and to talk about your birthday

Week 6: Apartment and living: to describe your apartment, to organize a party in your apartment, and to write an email

Week 7: Weather and outfits: to talk about seasons, weather, seasonal activities, seasonal outfit

Week 8: Dates: to arrange dates and to talk about past activities

Week 9: Travelling: to present a city, to buy a ticket, to understand announcements and to describe directions

Week 10: Holiday: to talk about your holiday, about your favorite place, and your favorite holiday

Week 11: Sickness and healthiness: to organize an appointment, to talk about your feelings and sickness, to know the parts of the body, to express orders

Week 12: Pleasure and displeasure: to express what do you like or dislike

Week 13: Repetition: to stabilize and to repeat basic German tasks

Week 14: Preparation: to prepare for the Goethe-Institute Certificate *Start Deutsch A1*

The course and its syllabus are subject to change. Last update: 10 January 2022