

An Introduction to the Basics of the German Language

**Course Outline
2024**

Course Date	The courses will take place online prior to the in-person summer university courses, from June 10 – June 14, 2024.
Class Hours	Each course will consist of 4 contact hours.
Lecturer(s)	Mehrana Moradi, University of Applied Sciences
Course Description	<p>The focus of the course is to provide a brief introduction to the German language. The topics that will be discussed include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Basic German Vocabulary: Common words and phrases for everyday use. 2. German Grammar Fundamentals: Introduction to sentence structure, verb conjugations, and noun genders. 3. Pronunciation and Phonetics: How to correctly pronounce German sounds and words. 4. Basic Conversation Skills: Simple dialogues and common expressions for basic communication. 5. Reading and Writing: Understanding and forming basic sentences in written German. 6. Cultural Insights: Overview of German-speaking countries, their cultures, and customs.
Learning Outcomes and Task	<p>By completing this course, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand Basic German Vocabulary: Recognize and use common words and phrases in everyday contexts. 2. Apply Fundamental Grammar Rules: Construct simple sentences using correct verb conjugations, noun genders, and basic grammatical structures. 3. Pronounce German Words Accurately: Demonstrate proper pronunciation of German sounds and words. 4. Engage in Basic Conversations: Participate in simple dialogues and use common expressions for basic communication. 5. Read and Write Basic German: Read and comprehend simple texts and write basic sentences in German. 6. Gain Cultural Awareness: Appreciate and understand cultural aspects of German-speaking countries.
Course Method	<p>The course will be taught online using a combination of teaching methods:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lectures: Virtual sessions to introduce and explain key concepts, vocabulary, and grammar rules. 2. Workshops: Interactive online sessions where students can practice speaking, listening, reading, and writing in German. 3. Group Activities: Collaborative exercises and discussions conducted through online platforms to enhance learning through peer interaction. 4. Case Studies: Practical examples and real-life scenarios to apply the language skills in context.

	<p>5. Multimedia Resources: Use of audio, video, and online tools to support language learning and improve pronunciation.</p>
<p>Course Materials</p>	<p>The course will use a variety of materials and sources, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Textbooks and E-books: Recommended German language textbooks and e-books for structured learning. 2. Online Articles and Websites: Selected online resources for additional reading and practice. 3. Audio and Video Files: Recordings of native speakers, pronunciation guides, and video lessons to enhance listening and speaking skills. 4. Flashcards and Apps: Digital flashcards and language learning apps for vocabulary reinforcement. 5. Cultural Content: Articles, videos, and multimedia content related to German culture and customs. <p>Availability of Course Materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Management System (LMS): All course materials, including textbooks, e-books, online articles, audio and video files, flashcards, apps, cultural content, and online games, will be uploaded to an online learning management system where students can access them at any time. • Email: Important documents and updates will also be sent directly to students via email. • Online Libraries and Databases: Links to external resources and recommended readings will be provided through the LMS or course website. • Interactive Platforms: Multimedia resources and interactive exercises will be accessible through dedicated language learning platforms or apps integrated with the course.
<p>Credits</p>	<p>Students will not earn any ECTS points for this course.</p>
<p>Assessment</p>	<p>The assessment of learning in the course will be conducted through a variety of methods to ensure comprehensive evaluation of students' language proficiency and understanding. These assessment methods may include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quizzes and Assignments: Regular quizzes and assignments to assess understanding of vocabulary, grammar, and comprehension. 2. Speaking Tasks: Recorded or live speaking tasks to evaluate oral proficiency and communication skills. 3. Writing Assignments: Written assignments such as essays, journals, or short compositions to assess writing skills and language accuracy.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Listening Comprehension Exercises: Listening exercises and comprehension tasks to evaluate students' ability to understand spoken German. 5. Interactive Activities: Participation in online discussions, group projects, or collaborative activities to assess engagement and application of language skills. 6. Online Exams: Online assessments or exams to evaluate overall proficiency in German language, including listening, reading, writing, and speaking skills.
Grading	As the German language course is non-credit bearing, students will not receive a grade for the course. Students will receive a participation certificate after successful completion of the course.

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Assessment and Credits

Upon successful completion of the summer course, students will be awarded ECTS points. A single ECTS point is defined as the equivalent of 25-30 hours of student workload, which includes class hours, readings, preparation for class activities, as well as an assessment measure. Learning will be assessed at the end of the summer course. Lecturers will inform students about the assessment measures at the beginning of the summer course. Students will receive a Transcript of Records showing their grades earned in the course. This document can be presented to their home institution for credit.

Grading

Grades will be awarded based on the German grading system:

German	Sehr gut 1,0-1,5	Gut 1,6-2,5	Befriedigend 2,6-3,5	Ausreichend 3,6-4,0	TN Teilnahmeschein	LN Leistungs- nachweis	Nicht bestanden 5,0/ 6,0
	very good	good	satisfactory	pass	Non exam paper	Exam/paper	not passed
Americas	A 1,0-2,3	B 2,4-3,0	C 3,1-3,5	D 3,6-4,0	participated	passed	failed
European	A 1,0-1,5	B 1,6-2,0	C 2,1-3,0	D 3,1-3,5	E 3,6-4,0		FX/F 4,1-5,0

Email and campUAS Online Learning Platform

Students are encouraged to use campUAS, our E-Learning Platform. Using campUAS enables students to access course materials and stay informed about extracurricular activities. We also expect students to check their emails on a regular basis.

Class Participation

Class participation is considered a requirement for successfully completing the program. Student questions, answers, comments, and insights over the course will not only benefit the whole class, but it will also ensure that students have a better understanding of the class material and contribute to their overall academic success.

Attendance

Students should attend each class. Students also need to inform their lecturer if they need to miss class. This can be done in person or via email.

Academic Honesty

Students caught cheating or plagiarizing will fail, at our discretion, either the assignment in question or the entire program.