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GER 101 Beginners I



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Course description:

Ger 101 is an introductory course in German. In this course you will learn to talk and write about yourself and your family, about dates, times and seasons; about your hobbies, everyday life including activities like shopping and travelling. You will learn to talk about the past in easy sentences using basic grammatical structures.

Course material:

Our course book is "Netzwerk Neu A1.1"; it includes a course book, an exercise book. You can purchase the book at the University (further information will be available at the beginning of the course). Extra material such as handouts will be given to you during the semester.

Requirements:

Learning a new language requires time and commitment on your part.

There are two rules for participation in the final exam. Otherwise, you won't be allowed:

1. 80 percent attendance.
2. Average grade of the midterms has to be 50.

To pass the class, you need a grade of 60.

Exams:

We will write two midterms, the exact date will be announced.

Midterm I : after the 2nd unit

Midterm II: after the 4th unit

Grading:

Grading scale: 90 – 100 AA; 85 – 89 BA, 80- 84 BB; 75-79 CB; 70 -74 CC; 65-69 DC; 60 – 64 DD; 59 F

Midterm1: 30% + Midterm 2: 30% + Homework and active participation in class: 10% + Final: 30%

Netzwerk A1.1

1 Guten Tag!

Language functions: greeting and saying goodbye / introducing oneself and others / asking about and responding to well-being / talking about oneself and others / saying numbers up to 20 / giving a telephone number and email address / spelling / talking about countries and languages.

Vocabulary: numbers from 1–20 / countries and languages.

Grammar: wh-questions / declarative sentences / verbs and personal pronouns / personal pronouns in texts.

Pronunciation: alphabet, strategy, writing and saying email addresses.

Cultural studies: countries and languages.

2 Freunde, Kollegen und ich

Language functions: talking about hobbies / making appointments / naming days of the week / talking about work, professions, and working hours / naming numbers from 20 onwards / filling out a form.

Vocabulary: hobbies / days of the week / numbers from 20 onwards / professions.

Grammar: irregular verbs and personal pronouns / yes/no questions / definite articles: der, das, die / nouns: singular and plural / verbs haben and sein.

Pronunciation: intonation: questions and answers.

Strategy: learning articles.

Cultural studies: new to the club.

3 In Hamburg

Language functions: Naming places and buildings / Asking and answering questions about places / Naming means of transport / Asking about things / Asking for directions and describing a route / Naming seasons and months / Talking about hobbies.

Vocabulary: Places and buildings / Means of transport / Directions / Months and seasons.

Grammar: Indefinite article (ein, ein, eine) / Negation article (kein, kein, keine) / Imperative with "Sie" / Adjective with "sein".

Pronunciation: Long and short vowels.

Strategy: Understanding texts with international words.

Cultural studies: Events in Hamburg / Seasons in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland.

4 Guten Appetit!

Language functions: planning a shopping trip / having conversations while shopping / having conversations while eating / talking about food preferences / talking about food.

Vocabulary: meals / food / drinks / shops.

Grammar: accusative case / verbs with accusative / verbs like and would like / sentence positions.

Pronunciation: of umlauts ä, ö, ü.

Strategy: ordering and learning words / understanding texts with wh-questions.

Cultural studies: professions related to food.

5 Alltag und Familie

Language functions: understanding and telling the time / giving time indications / talking about family / making appointments / arranging a meeting by phone / apologizing for and responding to a delay.

Vocabulary: daily routine / times / family.

Grammar: time expressions with am, um, von ... bis / possessive articles in the nominative and accusative cases / modal verbs müssen, können, wollen / modal verbs in sentences: sentence brackets.

Pronunciation: of "r" in and at the end of a word.

Strategy: preparing a telephone conversation.

Cultural studies: punctuality.

6 Zeit mit Freunden

Language functions: talking about leisure time / understanding and stating the date / talking about birthdays / understanding and writing an invitation / ordering and paying for food and drinks / talking about an event / understanding event tips on the radio.

Vocabulary: ordinal numbers / leisure activities / food and drinks / qualities / events.

Grammar: dates: am ... / separable verbs / personal pronouns in the accusative case: mich, dich ... / preposition für + accusative case / past tense of haben and sein.

Pronunciation: ei, eu, au.

Strategy for reading and listening: understanding important information.