

German Language Courses

Hessen International Summer University Frankfurt Course Outline

2020

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German Beginner

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| Course Date | 06.07.2020 – 30.07.2020 |
| Class Hours | 40 contact hours |
| Course Description | This course is for students without any prior German language knowledge. Students will learn some basic structures and vocabulary in order to communicate in German during their stay in Frankfurt. Additionally, pronunciation exercises and information about everyday life, culture, and history are always a part of the language training. Common European Framework of Reference for Languages Level: A1 |
| Learning Outcomes | <p>By completing this course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce themselves • Conjugate regular and irregular verbs in the present tense • Connect sentences • Formulate sentences and questions • Exercise pronunciation • Use idioms and give feedback in German • Express how they feel • Use numbers up to at least 20 (phone numbers/prices) • Learn to tell time • Express their hobbies/what they like to do • Use adjectives to describe a film, a city, a weekend |
| Course Method | The method is highly interactive, using movement and rhythm, as well as elements from discovery learning. |
| Course Materials | All course material will be provided free of charge – both online (e-learning platform) and as hard copy. |
| Credits | Successful completion of this course will result in 3 ECTS points. |
| Assessment | Learning will be assessed by an exam following the end of this course. |
| Grading | Students will be graded on their participation in class and an assessment at the end of the German language course. Please ask your lecturer for more information. Your final grade for this course will appear on your transcript. |

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German Intermediate

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| Course Date | 06.07.2020 – 30.07.2020 |
| Class Hours | 40 contact hours |
| Course Description | This course is for students with good basic knowledge who want to improve their speaking ability and easily learn grammar with self-exploring methods. Common European Framework of Reference for Languages Level: A2-B1 |
| Learning Outcomes | <p>By completing this course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. • Learn to deal with situations most likely to arise while travelling in an area where German is spoken • Produce simple connected text on topics that are familiar or of personal interest • Describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions • Give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans |
| Course Method | The method is highly interactive. |
| Course Materials | All course material will be provided free of charge – both online (e-learning platform) and as hard copy. |
| Credits | Successful completion of this course will result in 3 ECTS points. |
| Assessment | Learning will be assessed by an exam following the end of this course. |
| Grading | Students will be graded on their participation in class and an assessment at the end of the German language course. Please ask your lecturer for more information. Your final grade for this course will appear on your transcript. |

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German Advanced

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| Course Date | 06.07.2020 – 30.07.2020 |
| Class Hours | 40 contact hours |
| Course Description | This course is for students with upper intermediate German language knowledge who want to improve their speaking, writing and reading ability. The topics will be chosen according to the students' needs and interests. The class also incorporates German grammar exercises. Common European Framework of Reference for Languages Level: B2-C1 |
| Learning Outcomes | By completing this course, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand a wide range of challenging, longer texts • Express ideas spontaneously und fluently without having to search for words frequently and noticeably • Use German effectively and flexibly in professional life or in training and studies • Make clear, structured and detailed statements on complex topics and apply various means of text association appropriately in the process |
| Course Method | The method is highly interactive. |
| Course Materials | All course material will be provided free of charge – both online (e-learning platform) and as hard copy. |
| Credits | Successful completion of this course will result in 3 ECTS points. |
| Assessment | Learning will be assessed by an exam following the end of this course. |
| Grading | Students will be graded on their participation in class and an assessment at the end of the German language course. Please ask your lecturer for more information. Your final grade for this course will appear on your transcript. |

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT GERMAN LANGUAGE COURSES

Assessment and Credits

The German language courses are divided into different language levels: Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. The German language courses have a total of 40 contact hours. Upon successful completion, 3 ECTS points will be awarded for the course. 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 the exam.

Student learning will be assessed by an exam or in-class presentation, as defined by the instructor. Instructors will inform students how they will be graded for the course. The grade students receive for their German language course will appear on their transcript.

Grading

Grades will be awarded based on the German grading system:

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| 1,0-1,3 | sehr gut | very good: an outstanding achievement |
| 1,7-2,3 | gut | good: an achievement that is substantially above average requirements |
| 2,7-3,3 | befriedigend | satisfactory: an achievement that satisfies average requirements |
| 3,7-4,7 | ausreichend | sufficient: an achievement that still meets the requirements |
| 5 | nicht ausreichend | not sufficient / failed: an achievement that does not meet the requirements |
| NP | No Participation | |

Email and Moodle Online Learning Platform

Students are strongly encouraged to use Moodle, our E-Learning Platform. Using Moodle enables students to stay in contact with program administration, lecturers, and fellow students. We also expect students to check their emails on a regular basis. All course materials will be posted on Moodle.

Professional and Class Participation

The courses in this outline are part of the ISU Frankfurt German language courses. Class participation is considered a requirement for successfully completing the ISU Frankfurt Program. An attendance list will be issued for each class. Student questions, answers, comments, and insights over the course will not only profit 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. Please avoid being late for class, not turning off your cell phone before class, leaving class before the end of it, talking while someone else (either the professor or one of your fellow students) is talking, and any other unprofessional conduct.



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Attendance

Students should attend each class. If students have to miss a class, they should a) complete the required homework or readings, b) get copies of the notes presented that day, and c) talk with classmates about what they missed. Students also need to inform the ISU Frankfurt Coordinator or their professor 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 ISU Frankfurt program.