

Framework Curriculum

Course: German Studies IA

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Course Number	SLL 1062F
Course Description Teaching and Learning Outcomes	<p>This course offers an introduction to German as a Foreign Language and German Studies focusing on the basics of German language, comprehension of texts, and reflecting on selected cultural patterns. An overview of German grammar and structures is given, which is supplemented by working with basic texts. The course cultivates a basic understanding of everyday communicative skills in German. Based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), level A1 is aimed for.</p> <p>This course aims to introduce students to German. In this course, emphasis is placed on speaking, writing and reading as well as listening comprehension. The learning materials motivate students to reflect on (their individual) language acquisition and learning progression, and on language itself. Moreover, the German IA course aims to introduce students to the basic study of auditory and written texts, their contents, as well as the language material that these texts contain. Thereby, various tools and resources, both for the understanding of texts as well as for the purposes of language learning, are implemented. Throughout all teaching and learning, students are introduced to communication skills for basic conversations, both written and oral.</p> <p>All teaching and learning objectives are based on the CEFR A1 level. After successfully completing this module, students will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. acquire selected basic grammar and structures of the German language; 2. have insight into simple and complex sentence structures in German; 3. use selected German vocabulary and collocations; 4. hold basic conversations, both written and oral, in German; 5. be introduced to various texts and understand their usage and function; 6. use tools and resources both for language learning and understanding texts; 7. produce or emulate short texts similar to those discussed in the classroom.
Course Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● one semester / two quarters ● offered in the winter term / first semester of each academic year

Entrance Requirements	This is a beginners' course. If the student has prior experience of learning German, please contact the German Section Head to arrange a placement test.
Modules Forms of Teaching and Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● lecture <i>Sprache und Themen (language and topics)</i>, 4 hrs weekly ● lecture <i>Textarbeit (text work)</i>, 1 hr weekly ● practical <i>Sprachlabor (language lab)</i>, 1 hr weekly ● practical <i>Konversation (conversation class)</i>, 1 hr weekly
Assessment	<p>The course grade is weighted as follows: 40% coursework (homework and tests) 40% two-hour written examination 20% language laboratory examination</p> <p>The assessment consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● various assignments ● term tests ● written exam ● documentation and reflection on individual progression
Materials	<p>Textbook: DaF kompakt neu A1 - B1 (Kursbuch)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● authors: Birgit Braun, Margit Doubek, Nadja Fügert, and others ● publisher: Klett (Stuttgart) ● ISBN: 978-3-12-676310-3