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Winter University Program 2026 / Hessen:IWU – Course Outline

Course: German A1

CLASS HOURS

30h = 40 contact hours (1 contact hour = 45 minutes)
+ self-study time

1) INFORMATION ON THE COURSE CONTENT

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The German courses are conducted by the Language Center of Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences. For many years, the Language Center has been offering German as a foreign language to exchange students and international students. The course program is based on the requirements of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

This course addresses students with no or rather basic German language knowledge. Students will acquire basic language skills for everyday purposes. The course provides an introduction to basic grammatical structures and will enable the students to greet people, to introduce themselves or to exchange simple information. There will be a variety of activities inside and outside the classroom that cover the skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing.

After finishing the course students can understand familiar words and very basic phrases in reading and listening. Students should also be able to write short and simple texts as in postcards and to fill in forms with personal details, for example entering name, nationality and address on a hotel registration form.

COURSE MATERIALS

All course material will be provided free of charge. The Language Center of Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences works with the text and exercise books of the series "Netzwerk" from Klett/Langenscheidt (publisher).

TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE

| Date | Topic |
|-----------------------|---|
| December 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Virtual introduction to the course / evaluation of language proficiency |
| January 02 & 03, 2026 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intercultural training |

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|-----------------------|---|
| January 05, 2026 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory language class |
| Study topics include: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • German alphabet • Introduction of oneself and others • Talk about oneself and others • Talk about countries and languages • Hobbies • Numbers up to 20, phone numbers etc. • Regular verbs in present tense • To make an appointment to talk about work, occupations and working hours • Talk about seasons • Work with the internet • Name places and buildings • Ask questions about places • Name means of transportation • Ask for the direction or describe a direction • Understand texts with international words • Talk about food • Plan a purchase • W-questions • Dates and times • Talk about the family • Make an appointment or apologize for the delay • preparation for the exam (presentations) |
| January 15, 2026 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral presentation of 20 minutes |

2) INFORMATION ON CLASS PARTICIPATION, ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMS

ASSIGNMENTS

In addition to the daily homework, students are expected to attend the classes regularly and to actively engage in discussions and pursue research and practice independently.

EXAMS

For the final exam each student will prepare a short presentation (duration: 20 minutes) about a familiar topic (e.g. home country, family, typical food).

PRACTICE MATERIALS

Practice materials are given by the teacher for homework and the final presentation and can also be requested at any time.

PROFESSIONALISM & CLASS PARTICIPATION

Regular attendance of the German course and passing the final exam are prerequisite of the successful completion of the WUP program. An attendance list will be issued for each class.

MISSED CLASSES

Students are expected to attend the classes in order to complete the German language course. If students miss classes it is their own responsibility to obtain information about the content they have missed. In the event of sickness a medical certificate must be presented to the WUP coordinator.

3) INFORMATION ON GRADING AND ECTS

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Upon successful completion, 3 ECTS will be awarded for the class.

According to the rules of ECTS, one credit is equivalent to 25-30 hours student workload.

GRADING SCALE:

| Percentage | Grade | | Description |
|------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| 90-100% | 15 points | 1.0 (100) | very good: an outstanding achievement |
| | 14 points | | |
| | 13 points | 1.3 (130) | |
| 80-90% | 12 points | 1.7 (170) | good: an achievement substantially above average requirements |
| | 11 points | 2.0 (200) | |
| | 10 points | 2.3 (230) | |
| 70-80% | 9 points | 2.7 (270) | satisfactory: an achievement which corresponds to average requirements |
| | 8 points | 3.0 (300) | |
| | 7 points | 3.3 (330) | |
| 60-70% | 6 points | 3.7 (370) | sufficient: an achievement which barely meets the requirements |
| | 5 points | 4.0 (400) | |
| 0-60% | 4 points | 5.0 (500) | not sufficient / failed: an achievement which does not meet the requirements |
| | 3 points | | |
| | 2 points | | |
| | 1 point | | |
| | 0 points | | |

This course description was issued/updated on June 30, 2025. The program is subject to change.