

Winter University Program 2026 / Hessen:IWU – Course Outline

Course: German A2.1

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).

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

January 05, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory language class
Study topics include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand information about persons • Talk about feelings and emotions • Justify something • Make assumptions • Understand and give recommendations about a city • Describe a direction and where something is located • Talk about habits • Talk about advantages and disadvantages • Formulate comparisons • Express own opinion • To thank someone for something • Talk about movies • Make comments about movies • Write a comment • Introduce persons • Inquire information • Modal verbs and past tense • Comparative subordinate clause • Preparation for the exam / presentation
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 ISU 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 ISU 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		

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