Syllabus for the Intensive German Course for Dresden Engineering Program Participants CAS LG 113 E DR

Intensive Course: 6 weeks, 4 lessons a day from February to March
Regular Course: twice a week April to July

Time for Intensive Course: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Time for Semester Course: TBA

1. course objectives
This course aims at developing basic communication skills in the German language enabling our students to cope with elementary communicative situations within the German culture. Students will be trained in all four language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) with grammatical issues being part of a topic related communicative approach to language instruction and serving to develop these four language skills in German.

2. course materials

Beginners´Course
„Berliner Platz1 " Textbook and Workbook, Langenscheidt , ISBN: 978-3-468-47831-4
„Berliner Platz 1“ Intensivtrainer, Langenscheidt, ISBN: 978-3-468-47832-1

Advanced Beginners´ Course:
3. course structure
This class meets three days per week (MTW) for four lessons per day at 45 minutes during the Intensive Period and twice a week for 90 minutes during the TUD semester.
As mentioned in 1. the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing will be equally trained and improved.
Apart from class work, homework, quizzes and tests play an essential role to achieve this course objective.

Homework could consist of smaller, short term tasks, such as exercises in the workbook as well as of more complex, long term assignments as for example the preparation of small oral presentations, essay writing and or extended research on a special topic.
Generally all homework will be checked, in order to give course participants the opportunity of self-evaluation and sometimes it will be graded by the instructor.
All participants have to assure to prepare their homework in time and in good quality. Should the instructor check an individual student’s homework, s/he is asked to make a photocopy of it so that s/he can continue using the original for further class work.

Quizzes are short tests that might not be previously announced. Quiz grades will be part of the final grade as well as graded homework.

Tests last about 45 – 60 minutes and are also part of the final grade as shown in 4.
The “correction” mode for homework, quizzes and tests is represented in a clear and comprehensible way so that each course participant can recognize and correct their mistakes or errors.

3.2. correction mode:

+ grammar mistake, half a point deducted
- spelling mistake, half a point deducted
I missing or wrong word: one point deducted
S stylistic mistake, idiomatic mistake: half a point deducted
W repeated mistake: no point deducted

4. the final grade
The Intensive course grade as well as the Semester course grade consists of a class-grade (50%), the final examination (50%)

a) The class grade is influenced by:

oral performance: 50%
(presentations, general in-class-activity, dialogues, role plays, discussions)

written performance: 50%

E.g.:
written homework: 12.5%
tests: 25%
quizzes: 12.5%

The final course grade will be influenced by the Intensive course grade (55%) and the Semester course grade (45%)

All grades are calculated on the basis of the Boston University grading system.
5. Course requirements:
   I. Regular attendance is obligatory! This class meets four days per week (MTWR); for
      four lessons per day at 45 minutes during the Intensive Period and once a week for 90
      minutes during the TUD semester. Unexcused absences will have a negative impact on the
      final grade.

   II. Preparation: a minimum of 1 1/2 hours for each class meeting. In addition, you
      should spend at least 30 minutes per day listening to CD’s in the Multimediales
      Sprachlernzentrum at Zeunerstraße, or privately. Material from the listening exercises will
      appear in Quizzes and Exams. Listen to your CD’s regularly and frequently!!

   III. Homework: written assignments must be legible, neat, and submitted on time.
      Only in cases of illness or unforeseen circumstances will late work be accepted.

   IV. With commitment, regular attendance and good preparation, you
      can make significant strides in the skills of speaking, understanding, reading and writing
      German. We welcome you to the study of German, the maternal spring of English, a most
      vibrant and colourful language which, besides being the doorway to one of the world’s great
      literature and culture, will serve you well in academic endeavours or in any country or
      context where German is spoken.

Please read
Cheating and plagiarism are strictly forbidden in this class. Please
read and adhere to the Boston University regulation Academic Conduct Code
which is available in the Program Office.