

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

Intensive Course: 2 weeks , Monday through Wednesday
3 lessons @ 90 minutes per day
Thursday 2 lessons @ 90 minutes
Mid-August to End of August

Time: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays
8.00 AM to 1.00 PM
Thursdays
8.00 AM – 9.30 AM

Regular Course: 2 lessons @ 90 minutes a week

Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays
11.10 AM – 12.40 PM

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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

Studio D A1 Textbook, Cornelsen, ISBN 3-464-207070-2

Studio D A1 Vocabulary Booklet, Cornelsen, ISBN 3-464-20758-7

all additional materials (videos, songs, photocopies etc.) will be provided by the course instructors

3. course structure

This class meets three days per week (MTW) for 3 lessons at 90 minutes per day as well as for 2 lessons on Thursdays during the Intensive Period. During the semester the class will meet twice a week for 90 minutes.

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 will be given each Monday 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 course grade consists of a class-grade (50%), the final examination (50%)

a) The class grade is influenced by:

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

written homework:	12,5%
tests:	25%
quizzes:	12,5%

All grades are calculated on the basis of the Boston University grading system.

6. Course requirements:

I. Regular attendance is obligatory! Unexcused absences will have a negative impact on the final grade. Excessive unexcused absence will result in withdrawal from the course.

PLEASE READ

Disturbance of class discipline, cheating and plagiarism are strictly forbidden in this course. Please read and adhere to the Boston University regulation *Academic Conduct Code* which is available in the Program Office.

Any student appearing in class with symptoms of alcohol or drug abuse will be expelled from the program.

II. Preparation: a minimum of 1 1/2 hours for each class meeting. In addition, it is recommended to make frequent use of the facilities at the Multimediales Sprachlernzentrum on Zeunerstraße.

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 colorful language which, besides being the doorway to one of the world's great literatures and cultures, will serve you well in academic endeavors in any country or context where German is spoken.

Detailed Syllabus

Intensive Course

Topic 1: Start into German

Subtopics:

- Introduction into the Course and Course Material
- Seeing and Hearing German
- First Contacts

Vocabulary:

- International words
- Greetings
- Asking for names
- Spelling / letters

Grammar:

- The Alphabet

Topic 2: Café-Talk

Subtopics:

- Ordering something
- Numbers / telephone-numbers
- Paying a Bill

Vocabulary:

- Starting a Conversation
- Introducing Oneself and Others
- Ordering and Paying
- Hearing and Understanding Telephone Numbers

Grammar:

- Subject Sentences
- Interrogative Sentences: Wie, Woher, Wo?
- Verbs: Singular and Plural Conjugation in the Present Tense
- Personal Pronouns

Topic 3: In a Language Class

Subtopics:

- Class Communication
- Working with a Dictionary
- Special vocabulary

Vocabulary:

- Asking for things
- Asking questions

Grammar:

- Singular and Plural of Nouns
- Definite/Indefinite Article
- Negation with "kein"
- Compounds. "Das Kursbuch"

Topic 4: Cities – Countries - Languages

Subtopics:

- Sightseeing in Europe
- Languages of Europe
- Maps and Directions
- Statistics

Vocabulary:

- Talking about Towns and Sights; Countries and Languages
- Geography of European Countries
- Writing an I-Essay

Grammar:

- Past Tense of “sein”
- W- Questions, (Yes/No-)Questions

Topic 5: Way of Living

Subtopics:

- Forms of Living
- Furniture, Rooms
- Plans of Flats

Vocabulary:

- Describing a Flat
- Talking about Persons and Things

Grammar:

- Possessive-Pronouns in Nominative and Accusative
- Adjectives
- Graduation of Adjectives with “zu”

Station 1:

Self-Evaluation: Vocabulary and Grammar

Final test intensive course