

GERMAN AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Programme offered at the Centre of Business Languages and Intercultural Communication at Johannes Kepler University, Linz, AUSTRIA

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1) German Intensive Courses (pre-semester courses)

A1	• Language and Culture: German as a Foreign Language - Introductory I
A2	• Language and Culture: German as a Foreign Language - Introductory II
B1	• Language and Culture: German as a Foreign Language - Intermediate
B2	• Language and Culture: German as a Foreign Language - Advanced

Language and Culture: German as a Foreign Language – Introductory Course I (3 ECTS, 3 hours)

Development of all four skills (reading, listening, speaking, writing) based on the course book “Momente A 1.1”

Objectives for Communication Skills:

- German alphabet
- Introducing oneself and others
- Using and understanding simple vocabulary on everyday life
- Asking somebody their profession and talking about professions
- Talking about others (he, she, we, you, they)
- Writing and answering simple messages
- Requesting and understanding information
- Describing furniture; talking about materials
- Counting
- Telling the time on the clock expressing dates, days of the week, months
- Expressing prices, units and packaging
- Ordering food
- Speaking about favourite free-time activities and favourite food
- Getting familiar with Austrian culture

Grammar:

Simple sentence structures, statements and questions (word order), conjugation of basic verbs (regular and irregular forms), articles, negation, plural, nominative, accusative, possessive pronouns

Assessment criteria:

Regular class attendance, active participation, written homework, written test.

Language and Culture: German as a Foreign Language – Introductory Course II (3 ECTS, 3 hours)

Development of all four skills (reading, listening, speaking, writing)

Objectives for Communication Skills:

- Basic communication, small talk
- Understanding of every day speech
- Talking about food and traditions in Austria
- Describing and comparing people
- Planning activities and events
- Making appointments
- Expressing your opinion and preferences
- Talking about plans and wishes
- Asking for and offering help
- Tourism and travelling

Grammar: past tense, verbs with a prefix (separable and inseparable – present and past), modal verbs, adjective comparisons, accusative and dative, subordinate clause, ordinal numbers, dates, prepositions, possessive articles

Assessment criteria:

Regular class attendance, active participation, written homework, written test.

Language and Culture: German as a Foreign Language - Intermediate Course (3 ECTS, 3 hours)

Development of all four skills (reading, listening, speaking, writing)

Objectives for communication skills:

- Reacting spontaneously in conversations
- Producing (semi-)formal texts, e.g. e-mails
- Being able to discuss advantages and disadvantages
- Presenting and discussing different points of view
- Being able to express and recount one's own experiences
- Travelling in and around Austria
- Gaining cultural background knowledge

Grammar:

Sentence structure in main and subordinate clauses, connecting words and phrases, the (past) subjunctive, different past tense forms, the passive voice, the 4 cases, (verbs with) prepositions, comparisons and declinations of adjectives

Assessment criteria:

Regular class attendance, active participation, written homework, written test.

Language and Culture: German as a Foreign Language – Advanced Course (3 ECTS, 3 hours)

Revision and training of all four skills (reading, listening, speaking, writing) at Level B2

Objectives for Communication Skills:

- Researching online and/or in town, writing short texts, presenting in small groups
- Regional studies: food, everyday life, history and politics
- Art and culture in Austria (specialisation: contemporary music and film)
- Language variations and dialects
- Small talk
- Travelling in and around Austria

Grammar:

- Revision of grammar and presenting new grammar
- Passive (present, past, perfect, with modal verbs)
- Endings of adjectives, declinations
- Past simple
- Verbs with prepositions
- Relative clauses

Assessment criteria:

Regular class attendance, active participation, written homework, written test.

2) German as a Foreign Language (semester courses – for exchange students)



German as a Foreign Language A 1.1 (6 ECTS, 4 hours)

Course Objectives:

Initial development of all four skills (reading, listening speaking, writing) based on the course book „Momente A1“

Objectives for Communication Skills:

- Understanding everyday speech
- Expressing personal needs
- Introducing oneself and others
- Requesting and understanding information about a person
- Using and understanding simple vocabulary on everyday life and shopping
- Filling in simple forms on personal data
- Writing and answering simple messages
- Asking and giving the time
- Speaking about hobbies and favourite activities
- Making appointments
- Speaking about past events
- Basic communication and small talk
- Ask for and describe the way in town, describe positions of buildings in town /items in a room

Grammar:

Simple sentence structures (positive sentences and questions); prepositions (place and time); personal and possessive pronouns; predicative adjectives; modal verbs (möchten, können, wollen,...); present and past tense of important verbs; ordinal numbers; plural; nominative, dative, accusative; simple connecting words (und, aber, oder, etc.); simple adverbs (doch, etc.)

Assessment criteria:

Regular class attendance, active participation, written homework, written and/or oral tests (midterm test and final test)

German as a Foreign Language A 1.2 (6 ECTS, 4 hours)

Course Objectives:

Initial development of all four skills (reading, listening speaking, writing) based on the course book „Momente A1”

Objectives for Communication Skills:

- Understanding everyday speech
- Expressing personal needs
- Introducing oneself and others
- Requesting and understanding information about a person
- Using and understanding simple vocabulary on everyday life and shopping
- Filling in simple forms on personal data
- Writing and answering simple messages
- Asking and giving advice
- Speaking about food, hobbies and leisure activities
- Making appointments and invitations
- Speaking about past events
- Doing small presentations or role play

Assessment criteria:

Regular class attendance, active participation, small presentations, homework, mid-term test(s) and final test (written and/or oral).

German as a Foreign Language A2 (6 ECTS, 4 hours)

Course Objectives:

Continued development of fundamental competences based on the course book “Momente A2.1 (course and work book). Transition from elementary to independent language use.

Objectives for Communication Skills:

- Reading and listening comprehension training: interviews, articles, commentaries, reports in newspapers and social media etc.
- Continued development of everyday communication: ordering in restaurants, expressing one's own opinion, reporting or explaining things, making short presentations, talking about habits, speaking persuasively, communicating interest or lack of thereof, etc.
- Continued development of writing skills: (non)fiction, personal emails, directions, commentaries and brief reports in social media
- Word fields: (social)media, childhood, working conditions/jobs/profession, nature and landscape events, sports, food, furniture, traffic and mobility, travelling, etc.

Grammar:

- Perfect
- Conjunctions and clauses
- Relative pronouns and clauses
- Possessive article
- Prepositions
- Conjunctive II for suggestions and wishes
- Indirect questions
- Verbs with dative and accusative
- etc

Assessment criteria:

Regular class attendance, active participation, written homework, mid-term test(s), final test.

**German as a Foreign Language B1.1
(6 ECTS, 4 hours)**

Course Objectives:

Continued development of fundamental competences based on the course book "Menschen" (Hueber Verlag) B 1.1 (chapters 1-12). Transitioning from simple to more complex communication, standard vs. colloquial language, a wide variety of topics, independent work and group activities.

Objectives for Communication Skills:

- Understanding complex texts
- Training fluent and spontaneous language use
- Production of coherent and accurate (semi-)formal texts on various topics (describing and reporting)
- Being able to discuss advantages and disadvantages
- Presenting and discussing different points of view
- Being able to express and recount one's own experiences

Grammar:

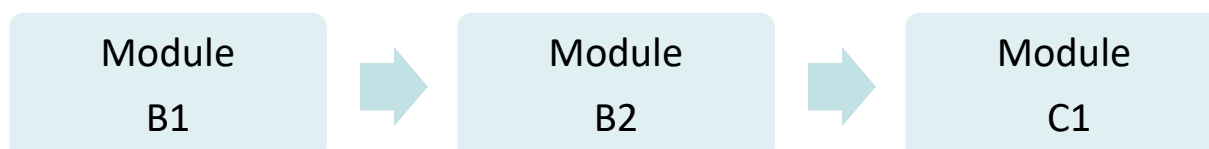
- Infinitive constructions
- Sentence structure in main and subordinate clauses
- Connecting words and phrases
- The past subjunctive
- Designations of time and place
- Verbs with prepositions
- The passive voice
- Comparisons and declinations of adjectives
- Past Tense (*Präteritum, Plusquamperfekt*)
- *Future I*
- Genitive Case

Assessment criteria:

Regular class attendance, active participation, written homework, written tests, group presentations.

3) University Preparation Program German: German as a Foreign Language (semester courses)

These are the courses for the regular JKU students which incoming exchange students can also choose. You can find the syllabus of each course through the following link:
<https://www.jku.at/zentrum-fuer-fachsprachen-und-interkulturelle-kommunikation/lehre/kursangebot/deutsch-als-fremdsprache/>



Module B1 (16 ECTS)

- German as a Foreign Language B1 (8 hours, 10 ECTS)
- German – Grammar B1 (2 hours, 3 ECTS)
- German – Text Production B1 (2 hours, 3 ECTS)

Module B2 (16 ECTS)

- German as a Foreign Language B2 (8 hours, 10 ECTS)
- German – Grammar B2 (2 hours, 3 ECTS)
- German – Text Production B2 (2 hours, 3 ECTS)

Module C1 (16 ECTS)

- German as a Foreign Language C1 (8 hours, 10 ECTS)
- German – Grammar C1 (2 hours, 3 ECTS)
- German – Text Production C1 (2 hours, 3 ECTS)

Additional Offer:

German – Phonetics (1 hour, 1 ECTS)