

# German Language Courses

## Hessen International Summer University Frankfurt Course Outline

**2019**

# HESSEN:ISU Frankfurt 2019

## German Beginner 1 (Two Courses Available)

Course Date	08.07.2019 – 31.07.2019
Class Hours	40 contact hours
Lecturer(s)	Annette Lavrut Kerstin Sharaka
Course Description	This course is for students without any prior German language knowledge. Students will learn some basic structures and vocabulary in order to communicate in German during their stay in Frankfurt. Additionally, pronunciation exercises and information about everyday life, culture, and history are always a part of the language training. Common European Framework of Reference for Languages Level: A1
Learning Outcomes	By completing this course, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce themselves</li> <li>• Conjugate regular and irregular verbs in the present tense</li> <li>• Connect sentences</li> <li>• Formulate sentences and questions</li> <li>• Exercise pronunciation</li> <li>• Use idioms and give feedback in German</li> <li>• Express how they feel</li> <li>• Use numbers up to at least 20 (phone numbers/prices)</li> <li>• Learn to tell time</li> <li>• Express their hobbies/what they like to do</li> <li>• Use adjectives to describe a film, a city, a weekend</li> </ul>
Course Method	The method is highly interactive, using movement and rhythm, as well as elements from discovery learning.
Course Materials	All course material will be provided free of charge – both online (e-learning platform) and as hard copy.
Credits	Successful completion of this course will result in 3 ECTS points.
Assessment	Learning will be assessed by an exam following the end of this course.
Grading	Students will be graded on their participation in class (50% of total grade) and an exam at the end of the German language course (50% of total grade).  The final grade will be made up of class participation (50%) and exam results (50%). This is the grade that will appear on your transcript.

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## German Beginner 2

Course Date	08.07.2019 – 31.07.2019
Class Hours	40 contact hours
Lecturer(s)	Thomas Amos
Course Description	This course is for students with minimal German language knowledge. In this course students will learn to understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance. Pronunciation exercises and information about everyday life, culture, and history are always a part of the language training. Common European Framework of Reference for Languages Level: A2
Learning Outcomes	By completing this course, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate very basic personal and family information, as well as information about shopping, local geography, and employment</li> <li>• Communicate simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters</li> <li>• Describe in simple terms aspects of their background, current environment, and matters in areas of immediate need</li> </ul>
Course Method	The method is highly interactive, including class discussions, small group work, and written exercises.
Course Materials	All course material will be provided free of charge – both online (e-learning platform) and as hard copy.
Credits	Successful completion of this course will result in 3 ECTS points.
Assessment	Learning will be assessed by an exam following the end of this course.
Grading	Students will be graded on their participation in class (40% of total grade) and an exam at the end of the German language course (60% of total grade).  The final grade will be made up of class participation (40%) and exam results (60%). This is the grade that will appear on your transcript.

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## German Intermediate

Course Date	08.07.2019 – 31.07.2019
Class Hours	40 contact hours
Lecturer(s)	Günther Schäfer
Course Description	This course is for students with good basic knowledge who want to improve their speaking ability and easily learn grammar with self-exploring methods. Common European Framework of Reference for Languages Level: B1-B2
Learning Outcomes	<p>By completing this course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc.</li> <li>• Learn to deal with situations most likely to arise while travelling in an area where German is spoken</li> <li>• Produce simple connected text on topics that are familiar or of personal interest</li> <li>• Describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions</li> <li>• Give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans</li> </ul>
Course Method	The method is highly interactive.
Course Materials	All course material will be provided free of charge – both online (e-learning platform) and as hard copy.
Credits	Successful completion of this course will result in 3 ECTS points.
Assessment	Learning will be assessed by an exam following the end of this course.
Grading	<p>Students will be graded on their participation in class (50% of total grade) and an exam at the end of the German language course (50% of total grade).</p> <p>The final grade will be made up of class participation (50%) and exam results (50%). This is the grade that will appear on your transcript.</p>

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## German Advanced - Business

Course Date	08.07.2019 – 31.07.2019
Class Hours	40 contact hours
Lecturer(s)	Manuel Wiederhold
Course Description	This course covers aspects of the German economy. Students will take a look into the history and current developments of well-known German companies. Students will combine facts about German companies, interesting information about Germany as a country, and learn expressions to describe business matters in German. The class also incorporates German grammar exercises. Common European Framework of Reference for Languages Level: B2-C1
Learning Outcomes	By completing this course, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand a wide range of challenging, longer texts about the history and current events regarding businesses in Germany</li> <li>• Express ideas spontaneously and fluently without having to search for words frequently and noticeably</li> <li>• Use German effectively and flexibly in professional life or in training and studies</li> <li>• Make clear, structured and detailed statements on complex topics and apply various means of text association appropriately in the process</li> </ul>
Course Method	The method is highly interactive.
Course Materials	All course material will be provided free of charge – both online (e-learning platform) and as hard copy.
Credits	Successful completion of this course will result in 3 ECTS points.
Assessment	Learning will be assessed by a presentation following the end of this course. Students will give a presentation profiling a German company, as well as a metropolitan area in Germany.
Grading	Students will be graded on their active participation in class (40% of total grade) and their presentation end of the German language course (60% of total grade).  The final grade will be made up of class participation (40%) and presentation results (60%). This is the grade that will appear on your transcript.

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT GERMAN LANGUAGE COURSES**

### **Assessment and Credits**

The German language courses are divided into four different language levels: Beginners 1, Beginners 2, Intermediate, and Advanced. The German languages courses have a total of 40 contact hours. Upon successful completion, 3 ECTS points will be awarded for the course. A single ECTS point is defined as the equivalent of 25-30 hours of student workload, which includes class hours, readings, preparation for class activities, as well as the exam.

Student learning will be assessed by an exam or in-class presentation, as defined by the instructor. Instructors will inform students how they will be graded for the course. The grade students receive for their German language course will appear on their transcript.

### **Grading**

Grades will be awarded based on the German grading system:

1,0-1,3	sehr gut	very good: an outstanding achievement
1,7-2,3	gut	good: an achievement that is substantially above average requirements
2,7-3,3	befriedigend	satisfactory: an achievement that satisfies average requirements
3,7-4,7	ausreichend	sufficient: an achievement that still meets the requirements
5	nicht ausreichend	not sufficient / failed: an achievement that does not meet the requirements
NP	No Participation	

### **Email and Moodle Online Learning Platform**

Students are strongly encouraged to use Moodle, our E-Learning Platform. Using Moodle enables students to stay in contact with program administration, lecturers, and fellow students. We also expect students to check their emails on a regular basis. All course materials will be posted on Moodle.

### **Professional and Class Participation**

The courses in this outline are part of the ISU Frankfurt German language courses. Class participation is considered a requirement for successfully completing the ISU Frankfurt Program. An attendance list will be issued for each class. Student questions, answers, comments, and insights over the course will not only profit the whole class, but it will also ensure that students have a better understanding of the class material and contribute to their overall academic success. Please avoid being late for class, not turning off your cell phone before class, leaving class before the end of it, talking while someone else (either the professor or one of your fellow students) is talking, and any other unprofessional conduct.



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## **Attendance**

Students should attend each class. If students have to miss a class, they should a) complete the required homework or readings, b) get copies of the notes presented that day, and c) talk with classmates about what they missed. Students also need to inform the ISU Frankfurt Coordinator or their professor if they need to miss class. This can be done in person or via email.

## **Academic Honesty**

Students caught cheating or plagiarizing will fail, at our discretion, either the assignment in question or the entire ISU Frankfurt program.