

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 “Menschen A 1.1”

Objectives for Communication Skills:

- Introducing oneself and others
- Expressing personal needs
- Understanding of every day speech
- Asking somebody their profession and talking about professions
- Talking about others (he, she, we, you, they)
- Filling in simple forms on personal data
- Writing and answering simple messages
- Requesting and understanding information
- Describing furniture; talking about materials
- Counting
- Telling the time
- Expressing dates
- Using cardinal and ordinal numbers;
- Talking about what one has; expressing not having things (accusative)
- Naming days of the week
- Naming months
- Talking about what things are not (kein, keine)
- Expressing prices, units and packaging
- Ordering food
- Speaking about favourite free-time activities and favourite food
- Getting familiar with Austrian culture, alphabet and pronunciation

Grammar:

Simple sentence structures, conjugation of basic verbs (Singular, plural, regular and irregular forms, changing of the vowel), articles, negation, nominative, accusative, adjectives, structure of German sentences, word order, w-questions and other questions.

Assessment criteria:

Regular class attendance, active participation, written homework, written and oral tests.

**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:

- Understanding of every day speech
- Using and understanding simple vocabulary on everyday life
- Expressing personal interests, needs and habits
- Expressing preferences and wishes
- Speaking and reading about food, travel, living, clothes, sport, weather, ...
- Speaking about past events
- Making assumptions
- Writing postcards
- Describing, characterising and comparing people
- Making appointments and planning trips
- Basic communication, small talk and introduction into the Austrian Culture
- Field trip: Schlossmuseum Linz and Austrian “coffee house culture”

Grammar:

simple sentence structures (main clause and embedded clause); position of the verb; nominative, dative, accusative; prepositions; reflexive verbs; perfect tense; adjective comparisons and declinations

Assessment criteria:

Regular class attendance, active participation, written tests.

**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:

- Training fluent and spontaneous language use
- Getting to know language variations and dialects in Austria
- Training to produce (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, nominative, genitive, dative and accusative cases, (verbs with) prepositions, comparisons and declinations of adjectives

Assessment criteria:

Regular class attendance, active participation, 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, 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 „Menschen“ A 1.1 (chapters 1 – 12) and „Menschen“ A 1.2 (chapters 13 – 14).

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 „Menschen“ A 1.1 (chapters 1 – 12) and „Menschen“ A 1.2 (chapters 13 – 16).

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

Grammar:

Simple sentence structures (positive sentences and questions); prepositions (place and time); personal and possessive pronouns; predicative adjectives; modal verbs (möchten, können, mögen); 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.

German as a Foreign Language A2.2 (6 ECTS, 4 hours)

Course Objectives:

Continued development of fundamental competences based on the course book Menschen (Hueber Verlag) A 2.1 und A 2.2. Transition from elementary to independent language use.

Objectives for Communication Skills:

- Reading and listening comprehension training: interviews, newspaper articles, reports, nonfiction, user manuals, commentaries, etc.
- Continued development of everyday communication: expressing one's own opinion, reporting or explaining things, discussing films and books, making presentations, speaking persuasively, talking about habits, communicating interest or lack thereof, etc.
- Continued development of writing skills: nonfiction, personal letters, directions, commentaries and brief reports
- Word fields (to choose from): post, media, weather, the internet, travel and traffic, books, the press, in a hotel, events, mobility.

Grammar:

- Conjunctions
- Clauses
- Relative pronouns and clauses
- The passive voice
- Indirect questions
- Perfect vs. simple past
- Prepositions
- Reflexive verbs
- Declination of adjectives
- Verbs with the dative and accusative
- Simple past of modal verbs

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:

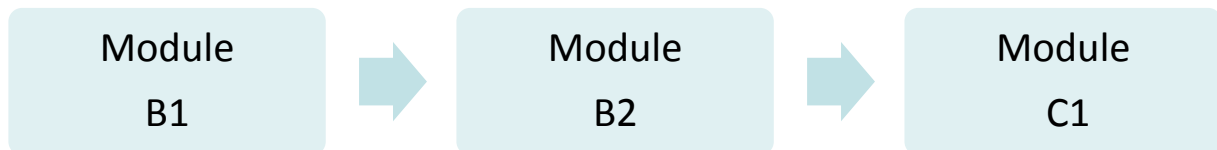
- Infinitive constructions
- Sentence structure in main and subordinate clauses
- Connecting words and phrases
- The past subjunctive
- Designations of time and place
- Verbs with prepositions
- The passive voice
- Comparisons and declinations of adjectives
- Past Tense (*Präteritum*, *Plusquamperfekt*)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

Assessment criteria:

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

3) University Preparation Programme 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)