



University
of Exeter



Evening language programme 2025/26

Course title: German Beginners A1.1

Course descriptor/objectives

The aim of the course is to offer an introduction to German language for a range of basic communication purposes. Therefore, by the end of the course participants will be able to:

1. Understand basic notices, instructions or information.
2. Complete basic forms, and write notes including times, dates and places.
3. Take part in a basic factual conversation on a predictable topic.

Participants will develop some basic reading, listening, speaking and writing skills through a series of task-oriented sessions and will be provided with informal formative feedback during contact hours. The completion level of the course is broadly equivalent to the A1.1 level of the [Common European Framework](#).

In seminars, participants will have to engage in practical exercises and group interaction in order to develop relevant language-specific learning strategies. The role of the instructor is to facilitate this process, provide useful tools and encourage participants to become independent learners and basic users of the languages too.

Language-specific information:

German is one of the key languages of Europe and is spoken by 134 million people in Austria, Germany, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Switzerland

and in parts of Belgium, Northern Italy and Eastern France. It falls into the same West Germanic language family as English, and bears close resemblance to some features of Afrikaans and Dutch, as well as sharing vocabulary links with the North Germanic languages, such as Danish and Norwegian.

Artistically and scientifically, German has been a language of great significance throughout history, as employed by famous figures such as Goethe, Freud, Kafka, Brecht and Einstein. German is a pluricentric language, with three standardised variants: German, Austrian, and Swiss Standard High German.

Prerequisite:

This non-credit bearing weekly course is intended for complete beginners who wish to explore German for the first time.

Coursebook and/or learning resources:

“Willkommen 1!” German Beginner’s course, Coursebook, Third Edition, Paul Coggle and Heiner Schenke, ISBN: [1473672651](#)

Please do not purchase the coursebook until the course has been confirmed.