



University
of Exeter



Evening language programme 2025/26

Course title: German Beginners A1.2

Course descriptor/objectives

Participants will continue to 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.

By the end of the course participants will be able to:

1. Understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type.
2. Introduce themselves and others and ask and answer questions about personal details such as where they live, people they know and things they have.
3. Interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

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 beginners who have completed a 10-week course (20 contact hours) or equivalent.

Technical requirements:

-PC, laptop or tablet with camera and microphone

-Stable internet connection

Delivery will be via Zoom or Teams

Once the course is confirmed, your teacher will send you an invitation for the first online session. You can expect to receive this invitation one day before the first session.

Coursebook and/or learning resources:

Continuation from chapter 5 of “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.