

Syllabus

Introduction to German Language and Culture

I. Course Details

Name: Introduction to German Language and Culture

Date: July 5-28, 2019

Credits awarded: 6 ECTS

Primary language of Instruction: German & English

Necessary language level (as in B2, etc.): --

Assessment: Regular attendance and active participation, (interactive) oral exam, written exam

II. Course Description

This Summer School offers participants with no prior knowledge of the German language the opportunity to acquire the foundations of German and to experience more than 1000 years of German culture and civilization in and around the city of Osnabrück, the City of Peace. By the end of the programme, students will have mastered basic language skills in German equivalent to level A1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). The programme is a cooperation between the Language Center (Sprachzentrum) and the International Office at Osnabrück University.

III. Course Objectives

The course aims at developing beginner's level proficiency in all four language skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing) and will cover the necessary grammatical and sociopragmatic aspects of the German language, so that participants will be able to introduce themselves and others, talk about their families and friends, go shopping, express preferences, describe their accommodation, tell the time and inform others about their daily schedule, talk about the weather and the seasons, and provide details on their hobbies and interests.

IV. Course Workload

Participants are required to participate actively in class (a total of 50 hours of instruction), complete daily homework tasks, and work on hands-on practical activities with their student partners. Further opportunity for self-study will be provided at the University's Self-Access Centre (CLS). After the completion of the language course, all participants take an oral exam and a written test.

V. Course Content

UNIT / WEEK	TOPIC	ACTIVITIES / STRATEGIES
1	<p>Talking about yourself, your family and friends</p> <p>Alphabet and sounds of German, numbers, basic sentence structures, person pronouns, possessive articles, regular verb conjugation pattern, grammatical gender, address forms, greetings, asking for personal information, completing forms with personal details</p>	Classroom instruction, language exchange (tandem), computer-assisted self-study
2	<p>Food & drink, accommodation, and daily schedule</p> <p>definite and indefinite articles, negation, plural forms, conjugation pattern of vowel changing verbs, separable verbs, imperative, adjectives, quantifiers & prices, furniture, food items, expressions of time, participating in small talk, expressing preferences, understanding public signs and notices.</p>	Classroom instruction, language exchange (tandem), computer-assisted self-study
3	<p>Leisure activities, interests and hobbies</p> <p>accusative case, modal verbs, perfect tense, prepositions, talking about leisure activities, talking about activities in the immediate future and in the past, expressing ability, obligation and possibility, understanding short texts on places of interest, understanding a weather forecast</p>	Classroom instruction, language exchange (tandem), computer-assisted self-study