

**TERM:** FALL 2025  
**COURSE TITLE:** GERMAN 1

**COURSE NUMBER:** GRMN 2101.01 **CRN** 41633  
**SECTION TIMES/DAYS:** 10:50 AM – 12:00 AM MWF  
**INSTRUCTOR:** TBA

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION/PRINCIPAL TOPICS:**

This course is intended for students who have not taken German before. Based on the communicative approach, the course emphasizes oral proficiency in basic German as well as reading and writing. Materials covered include an introduction to the nominative and accusative cases with their corresponding articles and pronouns, regular and irregular verbs in the present tense, the perfect tense, and word order as well as basic vocabulary and the development of cross-cultural awareness. We will thus cover six chapters of the text *Kontakte* (Chapters A, B, and 1 through 4). The main topics are entitled "Meeting Others" "Environments," "Activities," "Leisure," "Talents," and "Memories." Other materials such as videos and online resources are also designed to help enhance linguistic competence and cultural understanding.

#### **STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

Upon completion of this elementary German language course, students will have

- acquired a basic knowledge of German grammar and vocabulary
- developed basic communicative skills in oral, aural, and written German
- gained a basic understanding of German culture

#### **PREREQUISITES/RECOMMENDED BACKGROUND:**

This class is for students with no prior knowledge of German.



#### **REQUIRED TEXTS:**

- Terrell, Tschirner, Nikolai, Genzmer. *Kontakte: A Communicative Approach*. 9<sup>th</sup> edition. New York, etc.: McGraw-Hill, 2021.
- Terrell, Nikolai, Tschirner. *Connect Online Access for Kontakte*, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2021.

#### **COURSE WORK/EXPECTATIONS:**

Class participation is very important in this course. Students will be constantly interacting through communicative activities. There will be a written test and vocabulary quiz after each chapter plus a final. Completion of the *Kontakte* workbook is expected, as well as six tutor visits, and participation in a skit.

#### **COMMENTS:**

This class is a useful and enjoyable elective.

- German is one of the most important foreign languages for music, philosophy and history majors, and given the economic prominence of German speaking countries, it is possibly one the most useful language for those interested in international business.
- This course is especially helpful for students planning to spend time in a German speaking country, such as those intending to participate in one of the **LMU in Bonn, Germany programs**.
- Taking German can open the way to prestigious and lucrative scholarships, such as the **Fulbright**, and **CBYX**. Many LMU German students have received such scholarships, and so can you.
- German minors and Modern Languages majors with German as part of their emphasis also qualify for a German award, the annual merit-based **Conrad Lester Memorial Scholarship** (no application necessary, just be and finish a German minor or an MDLG major with a German concentration).

**TERM:** FALL 2025  
**COURSE TITLE:** GERMAN 2

**COURSE NUMBER:** GRMN 2102.01 **CRN** 41634  
**SECTION TIMES/DAYS:** 9:25 PM – 10:35 PM MWF  
**INSTRUCTOR:** TBA

**COURSE DESCRIPTION/PRINCIPAL TOPICS:**

This course is a continuation of GRMN 2101. Apart from the continued emphasis on oral/aural competence, cross-cultural awareness, as well as reading and writing, the new grammar materials covered include an introduction to the dative case with its corresponding articles and pronouns, prepositions carrying the accusative and/or dative case, present perfect tense, relative clauses, adjective endings, the narrative past, the subjunctive, and passive voice. We will thus cover five chapters of the text *Kontakte* (Chapters 5 through 9) plus selected topics from the remaining three chapters. The main topics are entitled “Everyday Life,” “Home,” “Geography of the German-Speaking World,” “Transportation,” “Food Shopping and Cooking,” “Memories and Past Events,” and “Traveling.” Other materials such as videos and online resources are also designed to help enhance linguistic competence and cultural awareness.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

Upon completion of this elementary German language course, students will have

- acquired further basic knowledge of German grammar and vocabulary
- developed more communicative skills in elementary oral, aural, and written German
- gained a deeper understanding of German culture

**PREREQUISITES/RECOMMENDED BACKGROUND:**

GRMN 2101 or by LMU Placement Exam.



**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

- Tschirner, Nicolai. *Kontakte: A Communicative Approach*. 9th edition. New York, etc.: McGraw-Hill, 2021.
- Terrell, Tschirner, Nikolai. *Connect Online Access for Kontakte*, 9th Edition. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2021.

**COURSE WORK/EXPECTATIONS:**

Class participation is very important in this course. Students will be constantly interacting through communicative activities. There will be a written test after each chapter and a final. Completion of the *Kontakte* workbook and the LearnSmart sections are expected as well as six tutor visits, and participation in a skit.

**COMMENTS:**

This class is a useful and enjoyable elective.

- German is one of the most important foreign languages for music, philosophy and history majors, and given the economic prominence of German speaking countries, it is possibly one the most useful language for those interested in international business.
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**TERM:** FAL 2025  
**COURSE TITLE:** MASTERY OF GERMAN

**COURSE NUMBER:** GRMN 3105.01 **CRN 41635**  
**SECTION TIMES/DAYS:** 3:40 PM – 5:20 PM **MW**  
**INSTRUCTOR:** TBA

### COURSE DESCRIPTION/PRINCIPAL TOPICS

**GRMN 3105 Mastery of German** will be using a book that is geared towards preparing the student for the advanced German proficiency test B1 that is offered for all German minors in the department. This preparation includes work on reading and listening texts, vocabulary training, exercises for oral and written communication, and grammar exercises on specific topics. The goal of this course is to help the student prepare for the language tools and grammar topics required for the B1 proficiency test.

### STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this advanced German language course, successful students will have

- acquired a level of language skills commensurate with the B1 proficiency test
- developed advanced skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing
- solidified their grammatical knowledge
- developed a more idiomatic and sophisticated use of vocabulary
- gained a comprehensive understanding of German culture

### PREREQUISITES/RECOMMENDED BACKGROUND

GRMN 2104 or by LMU Placement Exam.



### REQUIRED TEXTS:

- Anne Buscha, Szilvia Szita. **Spektrum Deutsch B1+: Integriertes Kurs- und Arbeitsbuch**. Leipzig: Schubert-Verlag, 2018.
- Pennylyn Dykstra-Pruim, Jennifer Redmann. **Schreiben lernen. A Writing Guide for Learners of German**. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2012.

### COURSE WORK/EXPECTATIONS

In the spirit of communicative language teaching and learning, **GRMN 3105 Mastery of German** emphasizes oral proficiency. Thus, class participation is very important, and students will be constantly interacting in communicative activities. To improve writing skills, students are assigned four writing tasks on four different genres. There will be a test after each chapter and a final. Homework will consist of reading, listening, writing and oral tasks, as well as vocabulary and grammar exercises.

### COMMENTS

- This class is **required for minors of German** and suitable for those who already are at a high intermediate or advanced level of proficiency in German.
- German is **one of the most important foreign languages** for music, philosophy, and history majors, and given the economic prominence of German speaking countries, it is possibly one of the most useful languages for those interested in international business.
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**TERM:** FALL 2025  
**COURSE TITLE:** German Culture and Civilization

**COURSE NUMBER:** GRMN 3230.01      **CRN 41636**  
**SECTION TIMES/DAYS:** 1:45-3:25 pm MW  
**INSTRUCTOR:** TBA

**COURSE DESCRIPTION/PRINCIPAL TOPICS**

The course will familiarize students with the highlights of German cultural achievement spanning the time from the first Germanic tribes till the present. To illustrate the information under discussion, students are immersed in multi-media material, the presentation of which is designed to lead them to a deeper appreciation and better retention of cultural phenomena associated with the cultures in German-speaking countries. Thus, students will see famous examples of different architectural styles, hear excerpts from well-known symphonies, operas and other music, watch memorable film clips, and bear witness to influential speeches.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon completion of this German Culture and Civilization course, students will have

- gained a cultural competence that will enable them to identify achievements coming from the German-speaking world over the centuries, and understand the historical context from which they sprang.
- further developed their reading, listening, speaking and writing skills.

**PREREQUISITES/RECOMMENDED BACKGROUND**

GRMN 2103 or equivalent

**REQUIRED TEXT**

TBA

**COURSE WORK/EXPECTATIONS**

Homework will consist of reading the material assigned and written work related to it. There will be a mid-term, a final exam, a short paper and an oral presentation.

**COMMENTS**

- It is hoped that, with this course, students will develop cultural sensitivity: understanding another nation such as Germany, its history, culture, values and differences; and, in turn, gaining insight into the specific multi-cultural make-up of their own country.
- Taking German can open up the way to prestigious and lucrative scholarships, such as the Fulbright and LMU's Conrad Lester Scholarship for German. Many LMU German students have received such scholarships, and so can you.

