

TERM: SPRING 2025
COURSE TITLE: GERMAN 1

COURSE NUMBER: GRMN 2101.01 CRN 70560
SECTION TIMES/DAYS: 10:50 AM – 12:00 PM MWF
INSTRUCTOR: FACULTY

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*. 9th edition. New York, etc.: McGraw-Hill, 2021.
- Terrell, Nikolai, Tschirner. *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 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.
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TERM: SPRING 2025
COURSE TITLE: GERMAN 2

COURSE NUMBER: GRMN 2102.01 CRN 70561
SECTION TIMES/DAYS: 12:15 PM – 1:25 PM MWF
INSTRUCTOR: FACULTY

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.

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TERM: SPRING 2025
COURSE TITLE: GERMAN 3

COURSE NUMBER: GRMN 2103.01 CRN 70562
SECTION TIMES/DAYS: 1: 40 PM – 2:50 PM MWF
INSTRUCTOR: PROF. AGNES CSER

COURSE DESCRIPTION / PRINCIPAL TOPICS

Combining engaging cultural topics, authentic readings and video with contextualized grammar, our new text *Stationen* gives students the basis they need to develop insight into German life and intermediate proficiency with the language. Each chapter of the five to be covered will revolve around a city or region in the German-speaking world: Frankfurt, Köln, Dresden, Salzburg und Zürich.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- gained a broader understanding of German, Austrian and Swiss culture
- acquired a more confident knowledge of the most important aspects of German grammar
- begun to develop intermediate communicative skills in oral, aural, and written German

PREREQUISITES / RECOMMENDED BACKGROUND

GRMN 2102 or by LMU Placement Exam



REQUIRED TEXTS:

- ☐ Augustyn/Euba - Bundle: *Stationen* 4th edition + *MindTap*, 4 Terms Printed Access Card (includes both book and access code) 9780357102312

COURSE WORK/EXPECTATIONS

Class participation in this class is very important. Students will be constantly interacting in communicative activities. Apart from regular homework assignments, there will be a test after every chapter, and a final. A 10-minute presentation with a subsequent student led discussion is also expected.

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TERM: SPRING 2025
COURSE TITLE: GERMAN 4

COURSE NUMBER: GRMN 2104.01 CRN 70585
SECTION TIMES/DAYS: PROF. AGNES CSER

COURSE DESCRIPTION / PRINCIPAL TOPICS

Combining engaging cultural topics, authentic readings and video with contextualized grammar, our new text *Stationen* gives students the basis they need to develop insight into German life and intermediate proficiency with the language. Each chapter of the five to be covered will revolve around a city or region in the German-speaking world: Berlin, München, Heidelberg, Hamburg, Leipzig.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- gained a broader understanding of German, Austrian and Swiss culture
- acquired a more confident knowledge of the most important aspects of German grammar
- begun to develop intermediate communicative skills in oral, aural, and written German

PREREQUISITES / RECOMMENDED BACKGROUND

GRMN 2102 or by LMU Placement Exam



REQUIRED TEXTS:

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COURSE WORK/EXPECTATIONS

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TERM: SPRING 2025
COURSE TITLE: BUSINESS GERMAN

COURSE NUMBER: GRMN 3716
SECTION TIMES/DAYS: 3:40 PM – 5:20 PM
INSTRUCTOR: PROF. AGNES CSER

CRN: 70563
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COURSE DESCRIPTION/PRINCIPAL TOPICS:

GRMN 3716 introduces students to the language of German business culture and gives insight into Germany's place in the Global economy. This course is conducted in German and designed for students who want to expand their German linguistic and communicative skills with business German competency. In preparation to pursue an international career in a German speaking country or to interact with German speaking business partners, students will learn how to handle formal and informal business-related communicative situations, workplace related interactions, learn about German business sectors and career paths, and engage in various real-world business experiences. Lectures, readings, workbook exercises, viewing films about German businesses, and class discussions will provide the source materials for this class.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

By the end of this course, students have

- used language of everyday business dealings in German-speaking countries
- have gained insights into the German business cultural practices and perspectives
- carried out work-related speech acts in a linguistically and interculturally appropriate way at a German company
- have acquired practical and theoretical insights into the career path of their desired sector as a real-world experience
- have improved their written and oral communication skills in the German professional context

COURSE MATERIALS SELECTED FROM TEXTS:

- Franz Whage, Gudrun Clay, *Geschäftsdeutsch. An Introduction to German Business Culture*, Focus Publishing, updated Edition 1.1, 2015.
- *DaF im Unternehmen B1. Kurs und Übungsbuch*. Stuttgart: Ernst Klett Sprachen 2020.
- Volker Eismann, *Wirtschafts-Kommunikation Deutsch Neu*. Hrsg. Goethe-Institut. München: Klett-Langenscheidt, 2018. Scribs pdf.
- Joachim Schote, Petra Schappert, et al., *Erfolgreich im Beruf. Deutsch als Zweitsprache*. Auflage 1. Berlin: Cornelsen, 2018.
- Materials on Brightspace

COURSE WORK/EXPECTATIONS:

Students are expected to read relevant texts in German ahead of class time, complete assignments in a timely manner, participate in all forms of class activities in German and engage in various real-world business experiences. Readings, short presentations, listening and writing workbook exercises, vocabulary quizzes, tests, preparing application material, conducting mock interviews are important components of this class.