

Summer School on Sustainability and Behavioral Economics 2024

Language Course: German for absolute beginners¹

CLASS HOURS: 40

In person sessions	32 hours
Excursion	8 hours

Lecturer

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1) INFORMATION ON THE COURSE CONTENT

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course introduces students to some basics of the German language. The number of participants is limited to allow for intense interaction and practice. It is based on a well-established book of exercises developed especially for this purpose.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Participants gain basic knowledge of the German language. By the end of the course, they are able to introduce themselves and name their hobbies. At the same time, they practice how to describe and ask for directions. The topic of "Food and Drink" in the A1.1 course is extremely motivating, as participants go shopping in their daily lives and, after completing this German course, have more confidence to communicate in German in the supermarket with native speakers and express their wishes and concerns. They are able talk about their relative and selected essential aspects of every-day life.

COURSE MATERIALS

Dengler, S. et al. (2019). Titel: Netzwerk neu A1.1. Kurs- und Übungsbuch mit Audios und Videos. Stuttgart: Klett Sprachen / Klett Sprachen GmbH.

Additional material will be given during the course.

TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE

The following units are covered:

- 1. hallo!
- 2. friends, colleagues and me
- 3. in Hamburg
- 4. guten Appetit!
- 5. everyday life and family
- 6. time with friends

2) INFORMATION ON CLASS PARTICIPATION AND ASSIGNMENTS

ASSIGNMENTS

- Active participation in class, multiple exercises

PROFESSIONALISM & CLASS PARTICIPATION

- Regular attendance in all sessions

MISSED CLASSES

- No more than 10% of the contact hours can be missed for the successful completion of the class.

3) INFORMATION ON GRADING AND ECTS

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Upon successful completion, 4 ECTS will be awarded for the class.

According to the rules of ECTS, one credit is equivalent to 25-30 hours of student workload.

GRADING SCALE:

Students do not receive grades but just an assessment pass/fail.