

Syllabus A1 / Module 1 (120 Contact Hours)

Intensive German Language Course for Beginner 1

Student Profile

This course is designed for the beginner student with no previous knowledge of German.

Course Objectives

Within six weeks, this course will help you to develop basic competences in listening, speaking, reading and writing as well as a basic knowledge of the German culture.

- ✚ By the end of the course you will be able to deal with everyday situations in a German-speaking environment and to conduct simple conversations.
- ✚ You will have developed reading strategies that allow you to understand simple newspaper and magazine articles as well as short literary texts.
- ✚ In addition, you will learn to write, revise and proofread short texts in German.
- ✚ Finally, you will be able to understand discussions on familiar topics.

Textbook

studio [21]. Das Deutschbuch. A1, Christina Kuhn and Hermann Funk, Cornelsen Verlag 2013.

Daily Lesson

Lessons take place Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Class hours are from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (including breaks). Classes are held at the Lankwitz campus of Freie Universität Berlin (Malteserstr. 74-100 in 12249 Berlin, House L).

Attendance

Each class day consists of 5 teaching modules (45 minutes each). Presence is required in all 5 modules of each class day. Coming more than 20 minutes late counts as missing a module. If you miss 30 modules, you will not be admitted to the next course.

Active Participation

We expect committed and consistent interest in the acquisition of the German language. You will prove this by participating constructively and productively in the lessons, completing homework assignments and being prepared for every class. Every student is expected to respect the ideas and comments of his/her peers.

Reflective Journal

You will write various journal entries – independently or on given topics – to reflect on certain aspects of your stay in Berlin. Your instructor will collect these creative exercises and comment the content. However, no corrections will be made. The aim of the journal is that you develop awareness of the language(s) surrounding you.

Chapter Tests and Final Exam

You will take several short chapter tests and a final exam consisting of the following sections: listening comprehension, vocabulary, grammar, reading comprehension and composition based on course themes.

Evaluation (maximum score: 500 points)

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| • Active participation and homework | 150 points |
| • Reflective Journal | 100 points |
| • Chapter Tests | 100 points |
| • Final Exam | 150 points |