

Module description German A1

Learning outcomes (qualification objectives) of the module:

The German A1 module aims to enable students to understand and use simple written and oral information.

The four skills (listening, reading, writing and speaking) are introduced: The course aims to enable students to read and understand elementary texts and dialogues. Students should also be able to understand particularly slow and clearly spoken utterances. The course also introduces oral communication skills allowing students to deal with everyday topics with the help of the conversation partner. Students should be able to write short sentences and messages.

As part of this module, basic vocabulary and elementary grammar are introduced. In addition, the language skills are used and developed in real-life situations, such as asking and answering simple questions on everyday topics, describing familiar topics in short sentences, engaging in simple interactions in everyday life, such as going shopping, placing orders in restaurants or asking for directions.

Specifically, students completing the module will achieve the following learning outcomes:

Professional skills

At Level A1, students should be able to:

- Understand and answer simple instructions, questions and queries with the help of the conversation partner.
- Discuss basic everyday topics with the help of the conversation partner.
- Read short and simple texts and grasp basic information contained in them.
- Write simple sentences and messages, e.g. a short e-mail or a postcard.

Methodological skills

Methodological skills here refer to students' ability to apply a variety of learning and working methods so that they may further build on their linguistic and professional knowledge.

- Application of basic learning strategies in order to learn and consolidate vocabulary and grammar structures.
- The use of dictionaries and online resources in order to understand unknown terms and expressions.
- Completion of elementary written exercises and tasks in order to consolidate what they have learned.
- Comprehend simple listening exercise.
- Interact and exchange views with other students in learning groups.

Social skills

Social skills here refer to students' ability to conduct themselves appropriately, communicate effectively and work in groups when engaging in social interactions.

- Polite, respectful communication in simple everyday situations, e.g. when asking for information or exchanging views and opinions.
- Collaboration when completing group exercises and working with a partner in order to solve tasks.
- Participating in basic projects and sharing their own experiences and ideas.

Personal skills

Personal skills here refer to students' individual abilities, attitudes and traits that enable them to achieve their goals, develop personally and work successfully.

- Motivation for and commitment to learning German.
- Openness and curiosity to tackle new topics.
- Sense of responsibility for their own learning development and achievement of the learning goals.
- Ability to self-reflect and identify their own strengths and weaknesses.
- Willingness to ask questions to resolve uncertainties.

Applicability of the module in this and other degree programmes:

Not applicable in other degree programmes.

Admission and/or recommended requirements:

None.

Content of the module:

Grammar and vocabulary are the core elements of this course. Important aspects that are addressed in the course are: Regional studies, intercultural competence and pronunciation. Numbers, hobbies, daily routines, food, leisure activities, illnesses and professions are some of the topics covered in the course. Additional topics will be included in line with current literature and real-life developments. Below is an extract of the grammar topics that will be covered:

- Present and perfect tense
- Sentence structure
- Prepositions
- Accusative and dative
- Parataxis (main clause connectors)

Literature references:

Textbooks:

Netzwerk neu A1.1, Kurs- und Übungsbuch mit Audios und Videos, Klett Verlag, Lektionen 1-6 (ISBN 978-3-12-607154-3)

Netzwerk neu A1.2, Kurs- und Übungsbuch mit Audios und Videos, Klett Verlag, Lektionen 7-12 (ISBN 978-3-12-607155-0)

Recommended reading:

Grammatik Intensivtrainer A1. Langenscheidt (ISBN 978-3-12-606359-3)

A-Grammatik (Niveau A1-A2). Schubert (ISBN 978-3-941323-09-4)

Einfach Grammatik – Übungsgrammatik Deutsch A1 - B1. Langenscheidt (ISBN 978-3-12-606368-5)

Wortschatz & Grammatik A1: Buch, Hueber (ISBN 978-3-19-397493-8)

Deutsch intensiv Wortschatz A1: Das Training, Klett (ISBN 978-3-12-675069-1)

Prüfungstraining Start Deutsch 1, 2. Auflage Cornelsen Verlag (ISBN 978-3-06-020747-3)

Teaching and learning methods:

The teaching methods applied will focus on improving the four skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing). Examples of the applied learning methods include various forms of group, individual and collaborative work, mini-presentations, exercises involving intensive reading and listening, role plays and grammar games, loci method, dictation exercises, translations, peer feedback, working with learning stations, and various writing activities designed to consolidate the content learnt. It is also envisaged that projects will be carried out using the scenario method.

Students will be given weekly assignments for self-study.

Remarks:

All language courses require a compulsory attendance rate of 75% in order to be allowed to take the examination.