

Module description German B1

Learning outcomes (qualification objectives) of the module:

The German B1 module focuses on improving students' communication skills and expanding their vocabulary range. It also aims to broaden their comprehension of more complex texts communicated in writing and orally, such as articles and reports. The module furthermore trains their ability to comprehend and engage in longer conversations and discussions on a variety of topics.

The main emphasis of the module is to improve students' verbal skills so as to enable them to express opinions, ideas and experiences. By writing coherent texts, such as reports, letters or argumentation will be applied as means of further enhancing their writing skills. The module will also involve deepening students' grammar knowledge and expanding their range of vocabulary. This will enable them to apply the acquired linguistic skills to practical situations, such as in presentations, role plays or group discussions. Their intercultural skills will be broadened, enabling them to communicate in international environments. The course incorporates a diverse range of activities; group work, pair work, role plays, discussions, listening and reading comprehension. The aim of the module is to prepare students for real-life situations.

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

Professional skills

At Level B1, students should be able to:

- Read texts of a more complex nature and comprehend specific information contained in them.
- Actively engage in discussions and conversations, exchange views and opinions and present arguments.
- Give an account of a variety of topics, both orally and in writing, such as advantages and disadvantages, technological developments or future trends.
- Apply and comprehend subject-specific terminology and vocabulary.
- Hold basic presentations and answer questions on these.

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 subject-specific knowledge.

- Application of various learning strategies in order to broaden and deepen their vocabulary and knowledge of grammatical structures.
- Use of authentic materials, such as specialist articles, presentations or videos for self-research and learning purposes.
- Independently plan, organise and carry out written tasks and projects.
- Treat complex listening exercises, e.g. expert interviews or discussions.
- Work in collaboration and interactively with other students in group work and projects.

Social skills

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

- Effective oral communication in a variety of contexts, e.g. in presentations, discussions or group work.

- Ability to actively listen and respond appropriately to opinions and viewpoints expressed by other students.
- Collaboration in group projects and teamwork in order to collectively solve tasks.
- Intercultural sensitivity and the ability to work with students of various cultural backgrounds.

Personal skills

Personal skills here refer to students' individual abilities, attitudes and traits that enable them to achieve their goals, further their personal development and operate successfully.

- Independence and personal initiative when learning German.
- Organisational skills in order to plan and accomplish tasks and projects.
- Tenacity and perseverance on the road to achieving the learning goals and overcoming challenges.
- Critical thinking and the ability to form and uphold their own opinions.
- Confidence in their own abilities and their application of learnt knowledge.

Applicability of the module in this and other degree programmes:

Not applicable in other degree programmes.

Admission and/or recommended requirements:

To participate in this module, students need to pass the examination German A2 first.

Content of the module:

Grammar and vocabulary form the core elements of this course. The following key aspects are covered during the course: regional studies, intercultural skills and pronunciation. Holidays/travel, technology/devices, complaints, job hunting and the environment are just some of the areas covered during this course. Additional topics will furthermore be incorporated in keeping with current literature and real-life developments. The following is an extract of the grammar topics that will be covered:

- Infinitive clauses
- Subordinate clauses
- Passive voice
- Connectors
- Prepositions
- Pronominal adverbs
- n-declension
- Subjunctive II

Literature references:

Textbooks:

Netzwerk neu B1.1, Kurs- und Übungsbuch mit Audios und Videos, Klett Verlag
Lektionen 1-6 (ISBN 978-3-12-607170-3)

Netzwerk neu B1.2, Kurs- und Übungsbuch mit Audios und Videos, Klett Verlag
Lektionen 7-12 (ISBN 978-3-12-607171-0)

Recommended reading:

Grammatik aktiv: A1-B1, Cornelsen Verlag (ISBN 978-3-06-122964-1)

Übungsgrammatik für die Grundstufe: Lösungsheft, Hueber Verlag (ISBN 978-3-922989-70-7)

Fit in Grammatik B1, Hueber Verlag (ISBN 978-3-19-607493-2)

Deutsch als Fremdsprache, Übungsgrammatik für die Grundstufe Niveau A2-B2, Liebaug-Dartmann (ISBN 978-3-922989-70-7)

Wortschatz & Grammatik B1: Buch (deutsch üben), Hueber (ISBN 978-3194874930)

Deutsch intensiv Wortschatz B1: Das Training, Klett (ISBN 978-3126750769)

Teaching and learning methods:

The teaching methods applied will focus on improving the four main language 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:

In all language courses, students will be required to meet a minimum compulsory attendance rate of 75%.