Elementary German I

Course Index: 20261

Credits: 4

Meetings: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 11:30 to 12:50 (Period 3)

Location: SC-115 (Scott Hall 115)

Prerequisites: This course is designed for beginning students, i.e. those

without prior knowledge of German. Anyone who has taken two or more years of high-school German may not enroll in this course. If they do enroll, they will receive no credit.

Such students should register for German 121 instead.

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Course Description

This course will introduce students to the language and culture of German-speaking countries, using both prepared and authentic materials with theme-related vocabulary and grammatical structures. Students will have the opportunity to practice listening, reading, writing, and speaking in German through in-class activities and homework assignments.

By the end of the semester students will be able to:

- talk about their time, including studies and recreational pursuits;
- · express their likes and dislikes;
- talk about things, including their possessions and things they give to others;
- · give their opinion on matters of taste or style;
- · describe their talents and those of others;
- express their intentions, obligations and necessities;
- describe how they or other people feel;
- talk about things that happened in the past, including their own experiences and those of others;
- talk about shopping, work, and daily life at home;
- describe their career plans.

Students will also learn about cultural perspectives, products, and practices of German-speaking countries. Some of the topics addressed this semester include geography and landscape; university studies and professional education; laws and regulations; and customs and holidays.

The course is taught in German with some explanation of grammar points in English.



Assessment

Grade Composition

Aspect	Percentage
P Class Participation (see rubrics below)	15%
□ Homework Assignments	15%
W Vocabulary Quizzes	10%
Oral Tests (3)	15%
ME Midterm Examination	20%
FE Final Examination	25%

Grade Distribution

Grade	Points (%)
Α	90–100
B+	85–89
В	80–84
C+	75–79
С	70–74
D	65–69
F	64 and below

Class Participation Rubrics

	Attentiveness	Contribution	Use of German
Expectations are exceeded (90–100%)	The student always pays attention.	The student is always eager to contribute to class discussion, exercises, and group work. The student often asks questions. The student always volunteers answers.	The student speaks only German during class.
Expectations are met (80–89%)	The student pays attention most of the time.	The student is usually eager to contribute to class discussion, exercises, and group work. The student occasionally asks questions and volunteers answers most of the time.	The student speaks German almost always during class.
Expectations are barely met (70–79%)	The student sometimes pays attention.	The student is occasionally eager to contribute to class discussion, exercises, and group work. The student occasionally asks questions and sometimes volunteers answers.	The student speaks German most of the time during class, but sometimes still switches to English.
Expectations are not met (65-69%)	The student rarely pays attention.	The student almost never contributes to class discussion, exercises, and group work. The student almost never asks questions or volunteers answers.	The student speaks German some of the time during class, and often switches to English.

Study Materials

- 1. Erwin Tschirner, Brigitte Nikolai, and Tracy D. Terrell. *Kontakte: A Communicative Approach*. 7th ed. Boston, MA: McGraw-Hill, 2013. ISBN:1259116948 / 9781259116940
 - To order the textbook and its online components at a special rate for Rutgers students click on the following link: http://shop.mcgraw-hill.com/mhshop/productDetails?isbn=1259116948 (you may click on links directly in the PDF version of the syllabus). The page contains the correct version of the textbook for our course. You will need to establish an account and purchase the book with a valid credit card. Students may click the Help link at the top of every page which will prompt a Customer Support page including a phone number and email address.
- 2. Cecile Zorach, Charlotte Melin, Elizabeth A. Kautz. *English Grammar for Students of German: The Study Guide for Those Learning German*. 5th Ed. Ann Arbor, MI: The Olivia & Hill Press, 2009. ISBN-13: 9780934034388
- Materials on Sakai
- 4. Handouts

Course Websites

- Sakai is the general website for our course. You can find it under http://sakai.rutgers.edu. You should be enrolled and have access automatically if you are a registered Rutgers student and have signed up for the course. If not, then please contact the instructor for access. Please check the website frequently for the most recent announcements, worksheets, and assignments.
- Connect is the textbook-based website. You can find it under http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com. You will use it to complete your regular homework assignments and tests. Before you use this website you will need to register. In order to do so, go to http://connect.mcgraw-hill.com/class/47010101, click the Register Now button and follow the instructions. Use your Rutgers e-mail address as your login. You will need the registration code that you receive with the Kontakte textbook purchased.

Course Requirements and Assignments

Homework Assignments (15%)

- All homework assignments listed in the Syllabus must be completed online (Connect) on the date indicated.
 Please note that for each day that an assignment is overdue 10% of its score will be automatically deducted from the system.
- Note: There will be homework assignments not listed on the syllabus given by the instructor during class.

W Vocabulary Quizzes (10%)

Learning vocabulary is a crucial part of mastering a language. The Syllabus provides you with links to online tools for learning and reviewing vocabulary for each session.

O Oral Tests (15%)

During the semester students will complete three speaking tasks of increasing length and complexity that will be recorded outside the classroom using the online tool Vocaroo (http://vocaroo.com) and sent to the instructor by email. These tasks will allow the students to demonstrate their breadth of vocabulary, fluency, comprehensibility, and ability to use grammatical structures.

E Examinations (45%)

Midterm Examination (20%) will take place at Session 24 (Monday, November 28). The final examination (25%) will take place on Thursday, December 19, from 4:00 p.m. pm to 7:00 p.m., SC-115.

Recommended Activities

□ Elementary German Laboratory Course

Students of the Elementary German I Course are strongly encouraged to enroll in and attend the 1-credit Elementary German Laboratory Course (01:470:103 or 01:470:104), an instructor-guided laboratory practicum based on intensive use of media and designed as additional support for mastering the material of German 101.

German Movie Nights

All Rutgers students of German are invited to German Movie Nights organized by the German Living-Learning Community on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in the German House Seminar Room at 172 College Avenue. The movies are shown in German with English subtitles. Admission is free.

Communication with the Instructor

@ E-Mail

The best way to contact the instructor outside the classroom is by e-mail, carlos.gasperi@rutgers.edu. Please Include "101 – [Your_First_Name]" in the Subject Line, e.g. "101 – Michael – Question re...".

Progress Reports

On the dates indicated in the Syllabus, you will write short progress reports, where you reflect upon the course and their individual progress. You will describe what you have learned, what more you would like to learn, what aspects of the course you like and dislike and why. The reports are not graded. They will help the instructor better coordinate the students' expectations and progress with the learning goals of the course. Please send the reports as e-mail attachments to carlos.gasperi@rutgers.edu. Please Include "101 – [Your_First_Name] – Progress Report [#]" in the Subject Line, e.g. "101 – Sophie – Progress Report 2."

Mandatory Office Hours

Students will be required to attend two mandatory 30-minute non-consecutive sessions with the instructor. This will give the students an opportunity to work with the instructor on their individual language skill needs as well as discuss individual questions and concerns. The sign-up sheet for the first round of mandatory office hours will be circulated on the first day of class.

Department and School Policies

Academic Integrity

Violation of academic integrity is an extremely serious matter; it can lead to a student's failing the course and being referred to the University's Office of Student Conduct for disciplinary action. When referring to ideas other than your own, always acknowledge your sources clearly and completely, whether you are quoting or paraphrasing. Note also that use of online translation services, for the exception of online dictionaries, is not permitted as a tool for generating work that you submit for course credit. Please see the University's policies on academic integrity at http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu and discuss with the instructor any questions you may have about this and related issues.

Attendance

All students must attend regularly and arrive prepared; if you expect to miss one or two classes, please use the University Self-Reporting Absence website (https://sims.rutgers.edu/ssra) to indicate the date and the reason for your absence. An email is automatically sent to the instructor. Those who miss more than two class sessions without a compelling excuse should expect a one-step reduction in the course grade (i.e. an A becomes a B+, a B+ becomes a B). Every additional three absences may entail a further one-step grade-reduction. Three late arrivals count as one absence. **Note:** It is the responsibility of the student who has been absent (for any reason) to find out what he/she has missed and obtain materials that may have been handed out.

Cell Phones

Cell phones and all other technological devices (beepers, iPods, audio players, etc.) must be turned off during class out of respect for fellow students and the instructor.

Disability Support Services

Students who may be requesting accommodations due to disabilities are encouraged to familiarize themselves with procedures and policies regarding disability support services at the following website: http://disabilityservices.rutgers.edu. It is recommended that students seeking accommodations begin filing paperwork as soon as possible as the documentation review process may take up to 30 business days. Students are encouraged to speak with the instructor about these issues at the beginning of the term. All such conversations will be kept strictly confidential.

Additional Assistance

Students in need of additional help should contact the Rutgers Learning Center or the Department's tutors as soon as possible. Additional practice is also available via conversation tables offered by the Rutgers' World Language Institute, others are held weekly at the Rutgers Student Center, check the Department website for details: http://german.rutgers.edu.

The instructor reserves the right to make changes to the Syllabus.

The latest version of this Syllabus is available on Sakai → Syllabus.

Semesterplan C = Information related to German-language culture ☐ = Lektüre = Reading task Ø = Videoecke = Work with video clips ☐ = Musikszene = Work with a song

- Legend:
 T = Thema = Topic of the lesson
 G = Grammatik = Grammar topic of the lesson
 W = Wortschatz = Vocabulary for learning
 ↑ = Homework to be completed online

- = Preparation for an oral interview

 E = In-class written examination date and time

 = Progress report sending date

 □ 1–5 = Pages in *Kontakte*, 7th ed. textbook

 □ quizlet.com/... = Vocabulary review link (clickable in PDF)

Nr.	Datum	Thema	Hausaufgaben	Klassenarbeit
1	Mi 04.09			Einführung – Kennenlernen – Semesterplan T Aufforderungen 4–5 G A.1 Giving Instructions: Sie-imperative 19
2	Do 05.09			T Namen □ 6-7 G A.2 What is your name? The verb heißen □ 20 G A.3 The German case system □ 20-21 C Vornamen □ 6
3	Mo 09.09	rung A	Aufgabe A.1 W Aufforderungen □ 17 □ quizlet.com/_b8y3y W Kleidung □ 17 □ quizlet.com/_b8xvj	T Kleidung □ 8–9 G A.4 Grammatical gender: nouns and pronouns □ 21–22
4	Mi 11.09	Einführung	¬⊕ Aufgabe A.2 W Farben □ 17 □ quizlet.com/_b8y6v W Fragen □ 18 □ quizlet.com/_b8yt0 W Wörter im Deutschkurs □ 18 □ quizlet.com/_bhax7	T Farben ☐ 10 G A.4 Gender of nouns and pronouns ☐ 21–22 C Farben als Symbole ☐ 11
5	Do 12.09		 ^⊕ Aufgabe A.3 W Begrüßen und Verabschieden □ 17 □ quizlet.com/_b8yjn W Personen □ 17–18 □ http://quizlet.com/_b8yn1 W Sonstige Wörter und Ausdrücke □ 18 □ quizlet.com/_bhb6q 	T Begrüßen und Verabschieden
6	Mo 16.09		Aufgabe A.4 W Zahlen □ 17 □ quizlet.com/_b8ydz W Sonstige Substantive □ 18 □ quizlet.com/_es54i	T Zahlen □ 14–15 C So zählt man □ 14 ■ Perspektiven □ 15–16
7	Mi 18.09		Aufgabe A.5 W Der Seminarraum □ 38 □ quizlet.com/_bhbm3 W Sonstige Wörter und Ausdrücke □ 39 □ quizlet.com/_bn12o	T Der Seminarraum ☐ 26 G B.1 Definite and indefinite articles ☐ 40–41
8	Do 19.09	В	 Aufgabe B.1 Beschreibungen □ 38 □ quizlet.com/_birv9 	T Beschreibungen ☐ 27 G B.2 Who are you? The verb sein ☐ 41–42 G B.3 What do you have? The verb haben ☐ 42 C Was ist wichtig im Leben? ☐ 28
9	Mo 23.09	Einführung	Aufgabe B.2 W Der Körper □ 38 □ quizlet.com/_bis08 W Die Familie □ 38 □ quizlet.com/_bisfu	T Der Körper 28–29 T Die Familie 29–30 G B.4 Plural forms of nouns 43–44 G B.5 Personal pronouns 45
10	Mi 25.09	Eir	 Aufgabe B.3 W Wetter und Jahreszeiten □ 38 □ quizlet.com/_biswo 	 Wetter und Jahreszeiten □ 31–33 Wetter und Klima □ 32 36 Grad □ 33
11	Do 26.09		✓ð Aufgabe B.4 W Geografie □ 38–39 □ quizlet.com/ bitlz W Herkunft □ 39 □ quizlet.com/ bio0r W Sprachen □ 39 □ quizlet.com/ bn0y2 Fortschrittsbericht 1 (= Progress Report 1)	T Herkunft und Nationalität □ 34–35 G B.6 Origins: Woher kommen Sie? □ 46 G B.7 Possessive adjectives: mein, and dein/lhr □ 47 C Die Lage Deutschlands in Europa □ 35 Perspektiven □ 36–37
12	Mo 30.09	s ich tue	Aufgabe B.5 W Freizeit □ 67 □ quizlet.com/_btg7d W Orte □ 67 □ quizlet.com/_btggw	T Freizeit □ 50–53 G 1.1 Präsens □ 69–70 G 1.2 Expressing likes and dislikes: gern / nicht gern □ 71–72 C Freizeit □ 52
13	Mi 02.10	1. Wer ich bin und was ich tue	Provided HTML Aufgabe 1.1 Provided HTML Auf	T Schule und Universität □ 53–55 G 1.3 Telling time □ 72–73 C Schule □ 55
14	Do 03.10	1. Wer ich	✓ Aufgabe 1.2 W Tagesablauf □ 67–68 □ quizlet.com/_bthm0 W Verben mit trennbaren Präfixen □ 68 □ quizlet.com/_bthu9	T Tagesablauf ☐ 56–58 G 1.4 Word order in statements ☐ 74 G 1.5 Separable-prefix verbs ☐ 75–76

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15	Mo 07.10	as ich tue	Aufgabe 1.3 W Sonstige Substantive □ 68 □ quizlet.com/_bthpc W Sonstige Verben □ 68 □ quizlet.com/_bthwq	☐ Filmlektüre: <i>Hilfe!</i> ☐ 58–60
16	Mi 09.10	1. Wer ich bin und was ich tue	Aufgabe 1.4 W Persönliche Daten	T Persönliche Daten
17	Do 10.10	1. Wer ich	 Aufgabe 1.5 W Sonstige Wörter und Ausdrücke □ 68 □ quizlet.com/_bvqba Oral Test 1 • Length: 2 minutes □ vocaroo.com 	☐ Guten Tag, ich heiße ☐ 64–65 Perspektiven ☐ 65–66
18	Mo 14.10		 Aufgabe 1.6 W Besitz □ 96 □ quizlet.com/_bvqoi W Haus und Wohnung □ 96 □ quizlet.com/_bvqv6 	T Besitz □ 80, 82 G 2.1 Der Akkusativ (= The accusative case) □ 98–99 G 2.2 The negative article kein, keine □ 99–100 C Der Euro □ 81
19	Mi 16.10	gen	Aufgabe 2.1 W Sonstige Substantive □ 96 □ quizlet.com/_bvsei	T Geschenke ♀ 83–84
20	Do 17.10	d Vergnüç	VÔ Aufgabe 2.2 W Präpositionen □ 97 □ quizlet.com/_bvx8a W Sonstige Wörter und Ausdrücke □ 97 □ quizlet.com/_bvxen	☐ Blog Deutsch 101: Frau Schulz hat Geburtstag ☐ 84–86
21	Mo 21.10	Besitz und Vergnügen	 Aufgabe 2.3 W Kleidung und Schmuck □ 96 □ quizlet.com/_bvroh W Possessivpronomen □ 97 □ quizlet.com/_bvx3z 	T Kleidung und Aussehen □ 87–89, 91 G 2.4 Possessive adjectives □ 101–104 Junge □ 88
22	Mi 23.10	2. E	Aufgabe 2.4 W Adjektive und Adverbien □ 97 □ quizlet.com/_bvx09	☐ Filmlektüre: <i>Lola rennt</i> ☐ 89–91 ☐ <i>Jugend im Netz</i> ☐ 93
23	Do 24.10		Aufgabe 2.5 W Verben □ 96–97 □ quizlet.com/_bwpb E Fortschrittsbericht 3	T Vergnügen ☐ 92–93 G 2.5 Präsens of stem-vowel changing verbs ☐ 104–105 G 2.6 Asking people to do things: du-Imperative ☐ 106–107 Perspektiven ☐ 94–95
24	Mo 28.10		Aufgabe 2.6 WH Wiederholung (= Review): Einführung A, B; Kapitel 1, 2	ME Zwischenklausur (= Midterm Examination)
25	Mi 30.10		W Talente und Pläne ☐ 128 ☐ quizlet.com/_bvxrc W Modalverben ☐ 128 ☐ quizlet.com/_c0z5k	T Talente und Pläne ☐ 110–112 G 3.1 The modal verbs können, wollen, mögen ☐ 130 –131
26	Do 31.10	hten	 Aufgabe 3.1 W Sonstige Substantive □ 128 □ quizlet.com/_c164 W Sonstige Verben □ 129 □ quizlet.com/_c0zii 	☐ Ringe fürs Leben zu zweit ☐ 112–114 ☐ Müssen nur wollen ☐ 116
27	Mo 04.11	Pläne, Pflichten	→ Aufgabe 3.2 W Pflichten □ 128 □ quizlet.com/_bvxvh	T Pflichten □ 114–117 G 3.2 The modal verbs müssen, sollen, dürfen □ 131–133 C Jugendschutz □ 118
28	Mi 06.11	3. Talente, Plä	Aufgabe 3.3 W Adjektive und Adverbien □ 129 □ quizlet.com/_bvxvh	T Ach, wie nett! 119–121 G 3.3 Akkusative case: personal pronouns 1133–135
29	Do 07.11		◆ Aufgabe 3.4 W Schule □ 128 □ quizlet.com/_bvz3v	☐ Filmlektüre: Soul Kitchen ☐ 121–122 C Schuljahr und Zeugnisse ☐ 123
30	Mo 11.11		Aufgabe 3.5 W Sonstige Wörter und Ausdrücke □ 129 □ quizlet.com/_c105z Oral Test 2 • Length: 3 minutes □ vocaroo.com	T Körperliche und geistige Verfassung ☐ 124–126 G 3.4 Word order: dependent clauses ☐ 135–136 G 3.5 Dependent clauses and separable-prefix verbs ☐ 137 ☐ Perspektiven ☐ 126–127

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31	Mi 13.11		Aufgabe 3.6 W Unterwegs □ 159 □ quizlet.com/_c10bj	T Der Alltag ☐ 140–142 G 4.1 Talking about the past: Das Perfekt ☐ 161–162
32	Do 14.11	ungen	Variable 4.1 W Zeit und Reihenfolge □ 159 □ quizlet.com/_c10r4 W Sonstige Verben □ 160 □ quizlet.com/_c16ll	T Urlaub und Freizeit □ 142, 144–146 G 4.2 Strong and weak past participles □ 163–164 C Universität und Studium □ 143 J Du hast den Farbfilm vergessen □ 146
33	Mo 18.11	d Erinner	✓ Aufgabe 4.2 W Feste und Feiertage □ 159 □ quizlet.com/_c118x W Ordinalzahlen □ 159 □ quizlet.com/_c11f3	T Geburtstage und Jahrestage □ 147, 149–150 G 4.3 Dates and ordinal numbers □ 165 G 4.4 Prepositions of time: um, an, in □ 166–167 C Feiertage und Bräuche □ 148
34	Mi 20.11	Ereignisse und Erinnerungen	 Aufgabe 4.3 W Sonstige Substantive □ 159–160 □ quizlet.com/_c164 W Schule und Universität □ 159 □ quizlet.com/_c1132 	□ Sternzeichen □ 150–152
35	Do 21.11	4. Ereiç	Aufgabe 4.4 □ 160 □ quizlet.com/_c16of	T Ereignisse ☐ 153–154 G 4.5 Past participles with and without ge- ☐ 167–169
36	Mo 25.11		 Aufgabe 4.5 W Sonstige W\u00f6rter und Ausdr\u00fccke □ 160 □ quizlet.com/_c16v6 Fortschrittsbericht 3 	☐ Filmlektüre: <i>Jenseits der Stille</i> ☐ 155–156 Perspektiven 157–158
37	Di 26.12		Aufgabe 4.6 W Einkäufe und Geschenke □ 191 □ quizlet.com/_b817o W Sonstige Substantive □ 191–192 □ quizlet.com/_d3dod	 T Geschenke und Gefälligkeiten □ 172–174 G 5.1 The dative case: articles and possessive adjectives □ 193–195 G 5.2 Interrogative pronouns wer, wen, wem □ 195 C Leipzig □ 175
38	Mo 02.12	jį.	Verben □ 192 □ quizlet.com/_5zi38 W Verben □ 192 □ quizlet.com/_3jmz6	T Berufe ☐ 176–178 G 5.3 Expressing change: the verb werden ☐ 196–197
39	Mi 04.12	und Arbeit	✓ð Aufgabe 5.2 W Orte □ 191 □ quizlet.com/_b824i W Adjektive und Adverbien □ 192 □ quizlet.com/_fsne ❤ Filmabend am 05.12 um 20.00 • Der Tunnel	☐ Die coolsten Studentenjobs ☐ 178–180 ☐ Millionär ☐ 181
40	Do 05.12	5. Geld ı	Pâ Aufgabe 5.3 W Schule und Beruf □ 191 □ quizlet.com/_b829g	T Arbeitsplätze □ 181–182 G 5.4 Location: in, an, auf + dative case □ 197–199 C Ausbildung und Beruf □ 183
41	Mo 09.12]	◆ Aufgabe 5.4 W In der Küche	T In der Küche ☐ 184–186 ☐ 5.5 Dative case: personal pronouns ☐ 199–201
42	Mi 11.12		 Aufgabe 5.5 W Sonstige Wörter und Ausdrücke □ 192 □ quizlet.com/_7dxsr Oral Test 3 • Length: 4 minutes □ vocaroo.com 	☐ Filmlektüre: <i>Der Tunnel</i> ☐ 187–188 <i>Perspektiven</i> ☐ 189–190
43	Do 19.12 16.00-19.00		Aufgabe 5.6 WH Wiederholung: Kapitel 1–5	FE Klausur (= Final Examination) Location: SC- 115