Elementary German I

Course Number: 01:470:101:02

Course Index: 09110
Semester: Fall 2015

Credits: 4

Meetings: Mondays 4:30–5:50 (Period 6) • Murray Hall, Room 204

Wednesdays, 4:30–5:50 (Period 6) Graduate School of Wednesdays, 6:10–7:30 (Period 7) Education, Room 025B

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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& by appointment.

Scheduled meetings are given priority over walk-ins.

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.



Course Requirements

Class Participation • 15% ● Class Participation • 15%

Active class participation is crucial for language learning. The following are the rubrics for participation:

	Attentiveness	Contribution	Use of German
Expectations are met (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 almost 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.

Homework Assignments • 15%

- The homework assignments listed in the Syllabus must be completed online (Connect) by the date indicated. Please note that for each day that an assignment is overdue 10% of its score will be deducted.
- 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. Each session students will write a 3-minute quiz based on the vocabulary portion learned for that day. The Syllabus contains links to online tools for learning and reviewing vocabulary for each session. Use of these online tools is optional.

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. The detailed instructions for each oral test will be uploaded on Sakai. These tasks will allow the students to demonstrate their breadth of vocabulary, fluency, comprehensibility, and mastery of grammar structures.

Examinations • 45%

The Midterm Examination (20%) will take place at Session 24 (Monday, October 26). The time and place of the Final Examination (25%) will be announced.

Assessment

Grade Composition

Aspect	Percentage
	15%
□ Homework Assignments	15%
W Vocabulary Quizzes	10%
	15%
Midterm Examination	20%
☆ Final Examination	25%

Grade Distribution

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

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. The edition is available at Rutgers Bookstore. It includes the book and the code for the necessary online components ("Connect PLUS").
- 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
- 3. Materials on Sakai
- 4. Handouts

Course Websites

- Sakai (http://sakai.rutgers.edu) is the general website for our course. All students officially enrolled in this course
 already have access to it. Students who do not have access need to contact the instructor. Students should check
 the website frequently for the most recent announcements, worksheets and assignments.
- Connect (http://connect.mheducation.com/class/2015f-101-02) is the textbook-based website for this course. It is used to complete the regular homework assignments and tests. Before students can use this website they need to register. In order to register, open the URL http://connect.mheducation.com/class/2015f-101-02, click the Register Now button and follow the instructions. Students should use their Rutgers e-mail address as login. If the student has the registration code received with the Kontakte textbook purchased, the code should be used at the registration. If the book has not yet arrived, it is possible to register as a trial for thirty days and insert the code when it arrives with the book purchased.

Recommended Activities

□ Elementary German Laboratory Course

Students of the Elementary German I Course are strongly encouraged to enroll in the 1-credit Elementary German Laboratory Course 01:470:103 held on Tuesdays 1:10–2:30, an instructor-guided laboratory practicum based on intensive use of media for additional support for mastering the material of German 101.

□ Expert Language Learner Workshop Series

This series of workshops is offered at the Institute for Global Languages to undergraduate and graduate students learning any language. The goal of the series is to help language learners develop and strengthen language learning skills by providing very practical information on language learning strategies and techniques, explaining what usually works and what doesn't, and giving expert advice on an individual basis.

The series consists of five 1-hour workshops conveniently scheduled throughout the Fall Semester 2015. Students may attend all five workshops or just some of them. Students who attend four out of five workshops will be awarded the *Expert Language Learner* Certificate from the Institute for Global Languages at Rutgers.

The workshops take place in the Institute for Global Languages, College Avenue, 20 Seminary Place, Room 110.

1. Acquiring Vocabulary
2. Mastering Grammar
3. Developing Reading Competency
4. Developing Speaking Skills
5. Online and Mobile Learning
Wednesday, September 16, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 14, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 28, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 11, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Registration is free, but space is limited to 20 participants, so please register early. For further information and registration please contact pichugin@rutgers.edu.

German Movie Nights

All Rutgers students of German are invited to German Movie Nights organized bi-weekly on every other Wednesday 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 to e-mail pichugin@rutgers.edu. Generally the e-mails are answered within 48 hours. The e-mail subject line should start with 101 – [First_Name], e.g. 101 – Michael – Question re.... This will help direct the message to the correct folder for quick processing. If the subject line is formatted differently, the message may be read with delay.

™ Progress Reports

On the dates indicated in the Syllabus, students will write short progress reports, where they reflect upon the course and their individual progress. They will describe what they have learned, what more they would like to learn, what aspects of the course they like or dislike and why. The reports are not graded. They help the instructor better coordinate the students' expectations and progress with the learning goals of the course. The reports have to be sent as *.pdf files named 101 – Progress Report [#] – [First_Name].pdf, e.g. 101 – Progress Report – Michael.pdf and attached to an e-mail message sent to pichugin@rutgers.edu with the subject line starting 101 – [First_Name] – Progress Report [#], e.g. 101 – Michael – Progress Report 2.

Mandatory Office Hours

The students will be required to attend two mandatory office hours (students are always welcome during regular office hours). This will give the students an opportunity to work with the instructor on individual language and skill needs and discuss individual questions and concerns. The sign-up sheet for the mandatory office hours will be circulated in 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 their own, students should always acknowledge their sources clearly and completely, whether they are quoting or paraphrasing. Note also that use of online translation services is not permitted as a tool for generating work submitted for course credit. Please see the University's policies on academic integrity at http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu and discuss with the instructor any questions about this and related issues.

Attendance

All students must attend regularly and arrive prepared. If a student expects to miss one or two classes, he/she should use the University Self-Reporting Absence website (https://sims.rutgers.edu/ssra) to indicate the date and the reason for the absence. An e-mail notification 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.

Electronic Devices

Cell phones and all other electronic devices (iPods, iPads, tablets, 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 are encouraged to come to their instructor's office hours with any questions and problems pertaining to class. Any student who needs additional help should contact the Learning Resource Center or the Department's tutors as soon as possible. Additional practice is available at the conversation tables offered each semester at the Language Institute. Informal conversation sessions are also held weekly in the Rutgers Student Center. Check the Department website for further 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

T = Thema = Topic of the session

G = *Grammatik* = Grammar topic of the session

W = Wortschatz = Vocabulary for learning

= Homework to be completed online

= Information related to German-language culture

= Lektüre = Reading task

= Filmlektüre = Film-based reading task

⇒ = Videoecke = Work with video clips
 □ = Musikszene = Work with a song

= Oral test

= 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			Einführung – Kennenlernen – Semesterplan T Aufforderungen □ 4–5 G A.1 Giving Instructions: Sie-imperative □ 19		
2	02.09			T Namen □ 6–7 G A.2 What is your name? The verb heißen □ 20 G A.3 The German case system □ 20–21 Vornamen □ 6		
3	Di 08.09	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	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 Farben als Symbole □ 11		
5	09.09		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 □ 12–13 G A.5 Addressing people: Sie versus du or ihr □ 23 □ A-N-N-A □ 13		
6	Mo 14.09		 Aufgabe A.3 Aufgabe A.4 W Zahlen □ 17 □ quizlet.com/_b8ydz W Sonstige Substantive □ 18 □ quizlet.com/_es54i 	T Zahlen □ 14–15 So zählt man □ 14 Perspektiven □ 15–16		
7	Mi		↑ 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	16.09	В	W 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 Was ist wichtig im Leben? □ 28		
9	Mo 21.09	Einführung	Aufgabe B.1 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		↑ Aufgabe B.3 W Wetter und Jahreszeiten □ 38 □ quizlet.com/_biswo	 Wetter und Jahreszeiten □ 31–33 Wetter und Klima □ 32 36 Grad □ 33 		
11	23.09		W Geografie □ 38–39 □ quizlet.com/_bitlz W Herkunft □ 39 □ quizlet.com/_biu0r 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 Die Lage Deutschlands in Europa 🕮 35 Perspektiven 🕮 36–37		
12	Mo 28.09	as ich tue	↑ Aufgabe B.4 ↑ 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 Freizeit ☐ 52		
13	Mi	1. Wer ich bin und was	Aufgabe 1.1 □ 67 □ quizlet.com/_bth30	T Schule und Universität □ 53–55 G 1.3 Telling time □ 72–73 Schule □ 55		
14	30.09 The state of	1. Wer ich	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 05.10	as ich tue	 Aufgabe 1.2 Aufgabe 1.3 W Sonstige Substantive □ 68 □ quizlet.com/_bthpc W Sonstige Verben □ 68 □ quizlet.com/_bthwq 	❤ Hilfe! Ich bin ein Junge! □ 58–60					
16	Mi	bin und wa	ich bin und was	Aufgabe 1.4 W Persönliche Daten □ 67 □ quizlet.com/_bthe1	T Persönliche Daten □ 60–63 G 1.6 Word order in questions □ 76–77 Gewinner □ 62				
17	07.10	1. Wer icl	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 12.10		 Aufgabe 1.5 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 Per Euro □ 81					
19	Mi	gen	gen	gen	gen	hen	hen	↑ Aufgabe 2.1 W Sonstige Substantive □ 96 □ quizlet.com/_bvsei	T Geschenke □ 83–84 G 2.3 What would you like? Ich möchte □ 100–101
20	14.10	l Vergnügen	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 19.10	2. Besitz	esitz	esitz	↑ Aufgabe 2.2 ↑ 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		Aufgabe 2.4 W Adjektive und Adverbien □ 97 □ quizlet.com/_bvx09						
23	21.10		0		W Verben □ 96–97 □ quizlet.com/_bvwpb □ 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 26.10		 ♣ Aufgabe 2.5 ♣ Aufgabe 2.6 ! Wiederholung (= Review): Einführung A, B; Kapitel 1 und 2 	∠ Zwischenklausur (= Midterm Examination)					
25	Mi	alente, Pläne, Pflichten						W Talente und Pläne □ 128 □ quizlet.com/_bvxrc W Modalverben □ 128 □ quizlet.com/_c0z5k	T Talente und Pläne ☐ 110–112 ☐ 3.1 The modal verbs können, wollen, mögen ☐ 130 –131
26	28.10			W Sonstige Substantive ☐ 128 ☐ quizlet.com/_c164l W Sonstige Verben ☐ 129 ☐ quizlet.com/_c0zii	☐ Ringe fürs Leben zu zweit ☐ 112–114 ☐ Müssen nur wollen ☐ 116				
27	Mo 02.11		 Aufgabe 3.1 Aufgabe 3.2 Pflichten □ 128 □ quizlet.com/_bvxvh Körperliche und geistige Verfassung □ 128 □ quizlet.com/_bvy6i 	T Pflichten □ 114–117 G 3.2 The modal verbs müssen, sollen, dürfen □ 131–133 V Jugendschutz □ 118					
28	Mi		ᆸ	Aufgabe 3.3 W Adjektive und Adverbien □ 129 □ quizlet.com/_bvxvh	T Ach, wie nett!				
29	04.11		W Schule ☐ 128 ☐ quizlet.com/_bvz3v	Soul Kitchen					
30	Mo 09.11		↑ Aufgabe 3.4 ↑ 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		Aufgabe 3.6 W Unterwegs □ 159 □ quizlet.com/_c10bj W Zeit und Reihenfolge □ 159 □ quizlet.com/_c10r4	T Der Alltag ☐ 140–142 ☐ 4.1 Talking about the past: Das Perfekt ☐ 161–162																	
32	11.11	Erinnerunge	W Sonstige Verben	T Urlaub und Freizeit																	
33	Mo 16.11		↑ Aufgabe 4.1 ↑ 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 Feiertage und Bräuche □ 148																	
34	Mi	Ereignisse und	Aufgabe 4.3 W Sonstige Substantive 159–160 quizlet.com/_c164l	☐ Sternzeichen ☐ 150–152																	
35	18.11	4. Ereig	W Adjektive und Adverbien □ 160 □ quizlet.com/_c16of W Schule und Universität □ 159 □ quizlet.com/_c1132	T Ereignisse ☐ 153–154 G 4.5 Past participles with and without ge- ☐ 167–169																	
36	Mo 23.11		↑ Aufgabe 4.4 ↑ Aufgabe 4.5 W Sonstige Wörter und Ausdrücke □ 160 □ quizlet.com/_c16v6 □ Fortschrittsbericht 3	 																	
37	Mo 30.11		Aufgabe 4.6 W Einkäufe und Geschenke □ 191 □ quizlet.com/_b817o	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 Leipzig □ 175																	
38	We	5. Geld und Arbeit	Geld und	Geld und	Geld und	Geld und	Geld und Arbeit	nd Arbeit	↑ Aufgabe 5.1 W Berufe □ 190–191 □ quizlet.com/_5zi38 W Verben □ 192 □ quizlet.com/_3jmz6	T Berufe ☐ 176–178 G 5.3 Expressing change: the verb werden ☐ 196–197											
39	02.12								nd Arbei	nd Arbei	nd Arbei	nd Arbei	nd Arbei	nd Arbei	nd Arbei	nd Arbei	nd Arbei	nd Arbei	nd Arbei	nd Arbei	W Sonstige Substantive ☐ 191–192 ☐ quizlet.com/_d3dod W Adjektive und Adverbien ☐ 192 ☐ quizlet.com/_fsne
40	Mo 07.12							 Aufgabe 5.2 Aufgabe 5.3 W Orte □ 191 □ quizlet.com/_b824i W Schule und Beruf □ 191 □ quizlet.com/_b829g 	T Arbeitsplätze ☐ 181–182 G 5.4 Location: in, an, auf + dative case ☐ 197–199 Ausbildung und Beruf ☐ 183												
41	We		Aufgabe 5.4 W In der Küche □ 191 □ quizlet.com/_b81fx	T In der Küche ☐ 184–186 G 5.5 Dative case: personal pronouns ☐ 199–201																	
42	09.12		2	2	W Sonstige Wörter und Ausdrücke ☐ 192 ☐ quizlet.com/_7dxsr ☐ Oral Test 3 • Length: 4 minutes ☐ vocaroo.com	 Filmlektüre: Der Tunnel															
	ТВА		Aufgabe 5.5 Aufgabe 5.6 Wiederholung: Kapitel 1–5	∠ Klausur (= Final Examination) • Tim & Place TBA																	