

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary

Course Prefix and Number: GER 101

Credits: 4

Course Title: Beginning German I

Course Description: Introduces understanding, speaking, reading, and writing skills, and emphasizes basic German sentence structures. Incorporates exposure to the arts, culture, and literature of the areas of the world where German is spoken. Part I of II. May include one additional hour of oral practice per week. Lecture 4 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: This course can be used to satisfy the foreign language requirement for all degrees that require a foreign language, or for anyone wishing to learn about German language and culture.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

None

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Principles of German system of nouns, pronouns, articles and related words: gender, plurals, cases, word order, etc.;
- b. Principles of prepositional governance of cases;
- c. Subordinating and coordinating conjunctions and their corresponding word orders; and
- d. Verb systems of “strong”, “weak”, and mixed verbs; irregular and regular verbs, modal auxiliaries; present, past and present perfect tenses.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. Approximately 1 to 1½ weeks devoted to each major heading
- b. Preliminary lesson: Classroom expressions, numbers, and days of the week
- c. Subject pronouns, definite articles, gender and plurals of nouns and pronouns, etc.
- d. Stem-changing and irregular verbs, indefinite articles, and verbal nouns
- e. Word orders, prefix verbs
- f. Separable prefix verbs, prepositions taking the accusative, negative, adverbs, etc.
- g. Dative case, two-way prepositions, familiar commands, work order of direct and indirect objects
- h. Modal auxiliaries, genitive case
- i. Present perfect tense and past perfect tense and past participles
- j. Past tense, uses of infinitives, possessive adjectives
- k. Compounds with “da” and “wo” reflexive, definite, and indefinite time

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