

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary

Course Prefix and Number: GER 101

Credits: 5

Course Title: Beginning German I

Course Description: Introduces understanding, speaking, reading, and writing skills and emphasizes basic German sentence structures. Part I of II. May include one additional hour of oral practice per week. Prerequisite: Functional fluency in English. Lecture 5 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: Students learn to function in the language within a limited context of vocabulary and structures. The course includes a general introduction to culture.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

Prerequisite: Functional fluency in English

Course Objectives:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- a. Understand simple spoken German within the limited context presented to beginners;
- b. Speak simple German with correct pronunciation at normal conversational speed;
- c. Read the German the student has already learned to comprehend and speak (introduction to reading selections in rearrangements and recombination of words and expressions already encountered); and
- d. Write accurately what he/she has learned to understand, say, and read.

Major Topics to Be Included:

The student will learn the structure of the German language in a prescribed sequence beginning with the simplest structures and working toward the more complex. Students learn correct German pronunciation.

- a. Personal identification
- b. Education
- c. House and home
- d. Earning a living
- e. Services
- f. Leisure
- g. Family life
- h. Public and private services
- i. Community/neighborhood
- j. Shopping
- k. Physical environment
- l. Travel
- m. Meal taking/food/drink
- n. Current events
- o. Health and welfare

Optional Topics: The development of the awareness of cultural patterns, including social patterns of behavior, historical developments, and contributions to the arts and sciences.

Effective Date of Course Content Summary: September 25, 2014