

**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 oral practice per week. Prerequisite: Functional fluency in English. Lecture 5 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:**

Prerequisite: Functional fluency in English

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

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.

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