

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: GER 102

Credits: 4

Course Title: Beginning German II

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 II of II. May include one additional hour of oral practice per week. Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of GER 101. 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:

Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of GER 101

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Verb system: future and past perfect tenses, subjunctive mood, the passive voice;
- b. Modifiers: adjectives preceded by “der” and “ein” words, comparisons or adjectives and verbs, long attributes;
- c. Pronoun system: relative, demonstrative, possessive, prefixes, and suffixes; and
- d. Materials of current interest: a divided Germany, energy crisis, nuclear energy.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. Future tense, “werden,” “wurde,” adjectival endings
- b. Adjectives following “der” and “ein,” other adjectives, ordinal numbers
- c. Comparison of adjectives and adverbs, more on nouns, possessive pronouns
- d. Relative and demonstrative pronouns, prefixes, and suffixes
- e. Past perfect tense, compound nouns, suffixes and prefixes, cognates
- f. General subjective: weak, strong, and special verbs; alternates to subjective
- g. Passive voice: tenses, “man” as substitute, with modals; “ein” and “der” words as pronouns
- h. Readings on German history, West Germany, East Germany, the energy crisis, nuclear power plants

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