UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

German Language

2122-3-E1801M053

Learning objectives

- acquisition of basic morpho-syntax and elements of phonetics and vocabulary
- comprehension of written and oral texts in German

- basic communication and discourse skills
- introduction to the main aspects concerning the culture and civilization in German speaking countries.

Please refer to the German Language page under *Economia e Commercio*, 2nd year for materials. (https://elearning.unimib.it/course/view.php?id=37153)

Contents

- grammar
- communication
- topics in economics and sociocultural aspects

The grammar and communication skills of the course correspond to level B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Detailed program

Grammar

- definite and indefinite article
- singular and plural
- conjugation of verbs in the indicative (*Präsens*, *Perfekt*, *Präteritum*, *Futur*)

- separable verbs
- modal verbs
- adjective declension
- negation *nicht* / *kein*
- verb position in main, interrogative and imperative clauses
- secondary propositions with *dass*, *wenn*, *weil*, *ob*
- active and passive mode
- *Wechselpräpositionen*
- personal pronouns
- possessive pronouns

Topics in economics, communication and sociocultural aspects

Newspaper articles, podcasts, and videos on current topics in culture, politics, and economics with a focus on

- reading strategies
- listening strategies
- different types of pronunciation
- comment, summary and translation of texts

Prerequisites

No specific entry level required. Students will be divided into two groups: group A for absolute beginners (Tedesco **1A**) and group B for students who have been studying German for at least one year (Tedesco **IB**).

Teaching methods

- Teaching languages: German and italian
- Lessons (corso monografico) and language tutorials.

During periods of health emergency, the course will be delivered completely online by the means of video-lessons and tutorials in streaming and by some previously recorded materials, according to current guidelines issued at that moment.

Assessment methods

Written and oral exam with grade evaluation

Written exam

- grammar test with closed questions
- some open questions (translation of short idiomatic expressions from Italian into German and short answers to simple questions)

Oral exam

- small conversation on daily matters

- presentation, comment and discussion on one text prepared by the student
- reading and translation of one of the texts analyzed in the Corso monografico (text chosen by the teacher)

Note

1. Passing the written test is mandatory for taking the oral exam. It is not allowed to take the written and oral exam in two different assessment dates.
2. Use materials of 2020/2021 **until April 2022** included.

During periods of health emergency, all tests will be organized completely online. The written test will be carried out on a specific platform, whereas the oral test will be organized as a video-conference using WebEx; the e-learning page of the course will provide a public link which allows for participation of virtual audience.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

Compulsory reading list:

- *Netzwerk NEU* A1, Kursbuch, 9783126071567*
- *Netzwerk NEU* A1 Arbeitsbuch, 9783126071574*
- *Netzwerk NEU* A2 Kursbuch, 9783126071642*

Recommended

- *Netzwerk NEU* A2 Arbeitsbuch: 9783126071659*
- Paola Bonelli, Rosanna Pavan, *Grammatica attiva della lingua tedesca*, Hoepli 2012

*There is also a digital version, but the license period is limited to one year.

- All materials on the e-learning platform of *Lingua - tedesco* a.a. 2021/2022.
- For self-study and enhancement of listening comprehension, students are advised to use all reading and listening materials on the pages of former years, too.
- For grammar issues, refer to the page CEL (collaboratore esperto linguistico) Walter Behrendt https://elearning.unimib.it/course/view.php?id=28669.

Semester

Annual course from October 2021 to June 2022

Teaching language

German and Italian