

# UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

# **COURSE SYLLABUS**

# **German Language**

2223-3-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.

#### **Contents**

- grammar
- communication
- topics in economics and sociocultural aspects

The grammar and communication skills of the course correspond to level A2+/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.

Unlike the other languages, German Language no longer offers tutorials with a language learning assistant. For this reason, it is strongly recommended (especially for beginning students) to also attend the German Language courses of the Bachelor degree programs *Economia e Commercio* and *Economia delle banche*.

### **Teaching methods**

Lectures.

#### **Assessment methods**

Written and oral exam with grade evaluation

Written exam

- test with closed questions: listening comprehension; reading comprehension; completing a text with missing words
- an open question (writing a written text in German, for example, an e-mail or a text using an instant messaging service)

#### Oral exam

- conversation on daily matters
- presentation, comment and discussion on one text prepared by the student
- reading and translation of one of the texts analyzed during the course (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 2021/2022 until April 2023 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

- All materials on the e-learning platform of Lingua tedesco a.a. 2022/2023.
- 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.

#### Semester

Annual course from October 2022 to June 2023

# **Teaching language**

German and Italian

### **Sustainable Development Goals**

QUALITY EDUCATION | GENDER EQUALITY | REDUCED INEQUALITIES | CLIMATE ACTION

<sup>\*</sup>There is also a digital version, but the license period is limited to one year.