UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

First Foreign Language - German

2223-3-E1802M132

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

*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. 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

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