

## U424-101: First Semester German

**Course Format:** Online

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**Course credits:** 4

**Pre/Corequisites:** None; Appropriate for advanced high school and first-year or higher college students.

### Course Description:

First Semester German is designed for beginning students who have had no previous instruction in German and for those interested in a refresher course. The course begins with a lesson on German pronunciation and continues with instruction on reading, listening, grammar, vocabulary building, and Germanic cultural traditions. Through the use of a variety of audio and visual materials you will learn to read simple German texts, hear and understand spoken German, and communicate in everyday living situations. By the end of this course and Second Semester German you will have learned the basic survival skills necessary for communicating effectively in any German-speaking country.

### Required Course Materials

- iLrn™ Instant Access for *Deutsch heute*, 10th ed., by J. Moeller et al.  
ISBN: 9781111945459. Order online from Cengage Learning.

**Note:** Information about purchasing and accessing the course materials within the eBook is found in the course.

### Hardware Requirements

You will need a webcam, speakers, and a microphone. You will complete your oral assessments through <https://appear.in/sarah.korpi>, requiring all three components.

### Optional Course Resources

- *English Grammar for Students of German*, by Cecile Zorach and Charlotte Melin. The Olivia and Hill Press. Any Edition. ISBN will vary.
- iLrn that accompanies your textbook contains many activities that have not been assigned and are not required. However, you can still complete these activities for your own practice and study. Many of the activities are auto-graded, so you will receive immediate feedback on your work and have the opportunity to check your comprehension of topics. Information about accessing this optional course resource is found in the course.

### Course Learning Objectives

- Recall vocabulary and idiomatic expressions in written and spoken contexts.
- Recall details about a variety of cultural topics related to the German-speaking world.
- Use pronouns, nouns, articles, and adjectives with appropriate endings based on grammatical case (nominative, accusative, dative, and genitive).
- Use the correct conjugations of regular and irregular verbs in a variety of tenses and for commands.
- Construct properly formed sentences using negation, direct and indirect objects and their pronouns,

relative pronouns and clauses, conjunctions, modal verbs, other parts of speech, and general German word order considerations.

- Demonstrate knowledge of new and previously learned grammatical concepts and vocabulary to complete reading, writing, listening, and speaking activities.

### Course Overview

UNIT #	UNIT TOPIC	EVALUATED ACTIVITIES
1	Einführung	Written Assignment
Einführung Kapitel Quiz		
2	Leisure Activities and Common Greetings	Written Assignment
3	Descriptive Adjectives, Telling Time, and Clothing	Written Assignment
Kapitel 1 Quiz		
4	Weather, Seasons, Geography, and Nationalities	Written Assignment
5	Descriptions, Germany's Geography, and Negatives	Written Assignment
Kapitel 2 Quiz		
Oral Exam 1 (appear.in)		
6	Food, Beverages, and Shopping	Written Assignment
7	Expressing Opinions	Written Assignment
Kapitel 3 Quiz		
Midcourse Exam: 2 parts		
8	Universities and Families	Written Assignment
9	Schools in Germany and the Simple Past	Written Assignment
Kapitel 4 Quiz		
Oral Exam 2 (appear.in)		
10	Transportation, Movement, and Careers	Written Assignment
11	Austria's Geography and Forming Complex Sentences	Written Assignment
Kapitel 5 Quiz		
12	Entertainment and the Present Perfect	Written Assignment
13	Present Perfect and Complex Sentences	Written Assignment
Kapitel 6 Quiz		
Oral Exam 3 (Recording)		
Final Exam: 2 parts		

### Evaluation Methods

Your final grade will be based on your performance on the following:

- 1) Written Assignments (40%)
- 2) Kapitel Quizzes (30%)
- 3) Oral Exams (10%)
- 4) Midcourse Exam (8%)
- 5) Final Exam (12%)

Written Assignments (40%)

Language practice activities are assigned for each of the 13 units of this course and will cumulatively account for 40% of your final course grade.

Kapitel Quizzes (30%)

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The Kapitel Quizzes are taken at the end of each Kapitel (chapter) in the textbook. There are 7 Kapitel quizzes in the course, which will cumulatively account for 30% of your final course grade.

**Oral Exams (10%)**

The three oral examinations in the course provide you with opportunities to test your speaking skills with a willing conversational partner: your Course Facilitator! Together, they are worth 10% of your final course grade.

**Midcourse Exam (20%)**

The midcourse exam contains two parts – 1) reading comprehension and 2) written essay – that relates to your study of the first half of the course.

**Final Exam (30%)**

The final exam contains two parts – 1) reading comprehension and 2) written essay - that focuses on content from the second half of the course and necessarily includes concepts from the first half of the course.

**Exam Method: Online without Proctoring**

This course requires all students to complete exams online. You will receive one attempt per exam.

**Grading Scale**

The following grading scale is used to evaluate all course requirements and determine your final grade:

A = 93–100	B = 83–87.9	C = 70–77.9	D = 60–69.9
AB = 88–92.9	BC = 78–82.9		F = Below 60

**Pass/Fail Option**

Students who enroll in an Independent Learning (IL) course under the pass/fail option will receive a final grade of S in place of a final grade equivalent to an A, AB, B, BC, or C and a final grade of U in place of a final grade equivalent to a D or F.