




Term 1 2023-2024

Course Code & Title:	GERM2000 A German II	
Language of Instruction:	German / English	Units: 3

Course Description

Building on the knowledge acquired in GERM1000, this course aims to further develop students' ability to communicate in German in various everyday situations. It also seeks to give students a taste of German culture and invites them to explore cultural differences. Through intensive practice students will develop more confidence in interacting in German while further expanding and solidifying their understanding of the basic grammar and pronunciation patterns.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, the student should be able to deal with some simple daily situations in German such as

- talking about food and dishes;
- talking about means of transportation and enquiring at the train station;
- talking about daily routines and past activities;
- asking for directions and giving instructions;
- giving details of an apartment and assess a house and an area in a city;
- asking for and offering help and reacting to requests;
- making appointments and delaying them.

Course Content

Lesson	Speech Acts / Topics	Grammar	Culture
Module 3 (Unit 8-9)	Requests Making a Proposal Decline	Telling time: week day, day time, clock time Word order in statements Word order in questions Time Prepositions: <i>am, um</i> Vowel changing verbs: <i>sehen, lesen, treffen, fahren</i> Irregular verb: <i>wissen</i>	Spare time
	Food Invitation to a meal	What do you like? The verb <i>mögen</i> The modal verb „ <i>möchte</i> “ Word formation: noun + noun	German Cuisine Typical dishes in German speaking countries
Module 4 (Units 11 - 12)	Means of transport Daily routines Festivals and journeys Seasons and months	Separable-prefix verbs Separable-prefix verbs in statements, w-questions & yes/no questions Perfect tense with <i>haben</i> Temporal prepositions <i>von ... bis, ab</i> Temporal preposition: <i>im</i> Perfect tense with <i>sein</i>	Festivals and events Youth hostels: an idea “made in Germany” Travelling in Zürich

Book Menschen A1.2 Module 5 (Units 13-15)	Directions Institutions and places in a city Asking for help Apartments and houses Facilities in a city	Local preposition with dative : <i>wo</i> ? Possessive articles (nominative/accusative): <i>sein – ihr</i> Genitive with names Dative verbs: <i>gehören, gefallen, helfen, danken</i> Personal pronouns in dative case	Flat advertisements German towns and town/city districts German houses and flats
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Learning Activities							
Interactive classwork[1] (hr/day) in / out class		Extra-curricular activities (hr/course) in / out class		Web-based teaching (hr/day) in / out class		Homework / Self-study (hr/day) in / out class	
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M = Mandatory / O = Optional

[1] Interactive classwork focuses on student-centered activities as pair work, group work, role-playing and student-teacher interaction.

Assessment Scheme		
Task nature	Description	Weight
Participation and oral expression	Participation includes preparing for class, arriving on time, attending lessons and making active contributions during class, which may be in the form of Q & A, dialogues etc.	15%
Homework	Homework includes completing all exercises in the workbook, completing all mandatory tasks on the Moodle platform and worksheets and tasks distributed by the class teacher.	15%
Test 1	Details are given by the course teacher.	15%
Test 2	Details are given by the course teacher.	25%
Oral exam	Test in groups: dialogue and questions & answers.	30%

Notes: You are required to arrive on time.

You are required to attend at least 75% of the class. Treat 75% attendance as the minimum, not the maximum.

The success of your own learning will highly depend on your attendance.

Should you miss more than 25% of the class, you will automatically fail the course.

Unauthorised absence from any assessment will result in grade F for that assessment.

If you are unable to attend, get informed about what content and homework you missed and make it up yourself.

Grade descriptors					
	A	B	C	D	F
General	Outstanding performance in all learning outcomes and meeting all specified assessment requirements. Can fully understand and appropriately use familiar everyday expressions and basic phrases aimed at the fulfillment of needs of a concrete type. Can ask and answer questions about personal details in a	Good performance in all learning outcomes Can understand and mostly appropriately use familiar everyday expressions and basic phrases aimed at the fulfillment of needs of a concrete type. Can ask and answer questions about personal details in a suitable way. Can interact in	Satisfactory performance in the majority of learning outcomes. Can partially understand and use familiar everyday expressions and basic phrases aimed at the fulfillment of needs of a concrete type. Can ask and answer questions about personal details in a basic way. Can interact in	Barely satisfactory performance in a number of learning outcomes. Can rarely understand and use familiar everyday expressions and basic phrases aimed at the fulfillment of needs of a concrete type. Can hardly ask and answer questions about personal details. Can poorly	Unsatisfactory performance in a number of learning outcomes and/or failure to meet specified assessment requirements. Cannot understand and use familiar everyday expressions and basic phrases aimed at the fulfillment of needs of a concrete type. Cannot ask and answer questions

	competent way. Can interact in areas of immediate need or on familiar topics appropriately.	areas of immediate need or on familiar topics mostly appropriately.	areas of immediate need or on familiar topics partially appropriately.	interact in areas of immediate need or on familiar topics.	about personal details. Cannot interact in areas of immediate need or on familiar topics.
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Learning Resources	
Course Materials	
Evans, Sandra; Pude, Angela; Specht, Franz (2012): Menschen A1.1, Kursbuch mit DVD-Rom (course book), Arbeitsbuch mit 2 Audio-CDs (workbook), Menschen A1.2, Kursbuch mit DVD-Rom (course book) & Arbeitsbuch mit 2 Audio-CDs (workbook) , Ismaning: Hueber Verlag. (Textbooks are available at The Commercial Press bookstore, on CUHK campus.)	
Course website: Moodle@Keep	
https://moodle.cuhk.keep.edu.hk/ Announcements over the Blackboard site GERM0000	
Online resources:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leo online dictionary (English-Chinese, English German www.leo.org/) • Beolingu online dictionary (English-German: http://dict.tu-chemnitz.de/) • Quizlet: https://quizlet.com/ • German TV Saga: Jojo sucht das Glück http://www.dw.de/jojo • German as a foreign language on Youtube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UComfd9z6KFVP3nggiME6-7w • German Music channel on Youtube (suggestions welcome): https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL2e0DtFeEEi1qOlAnzixOlGOb-elJQqfg 	
Readings & Library Resources	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reimann, Monika (2001) Essential grammar of German with exercises. Ismaning: Hueber • Dodd, Bill et al. (1996) Modern German grammar: a practical guide. London: Routledge • Reading practice: Carolin Hinck: Neuanfang mit Schokolade. (Novel at level A1) 	

Schedule (Subject to change):

Week	Date	Remarks	Assignments	Content
1	Sep 4-10	Sep 4 (Mon) Inauguration Ceremony for Undergraduates (classes suspended until 1:30pm)		Module 3 Unit 8
2	Sep 11-17	Online add-drop 11-17 Sept (Mon-Sun)		
3	Sep 18-24	Department add drop 18-22 Sept (Mon-Fri) (exceptional cases only)		
4	Sep 25-Oct 1	Public Holiday: Sep 30 (Sat) – The day following the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival		Module 4 Units 9,11, 12
5	Oct 2-8	Oct 2 (Mon) Public holiday – The day following National Day		
6	Oct 9-15			
7	Oct 16-22	Oct 21 (Sat) Information Day for Undergraduate Admissions (all classes suspended)	Test 1	
8	Oct 23-29	Oct 23 (Mon) Public holiday – Chung Yeung Festival		

9	Oct 30-Nov 5			
10	Nov 6-12	Nov 9 (Thu) 92nd Congregation (all classes suspended)		Module 5 Units 13-15
11	Nov 13-19			
12	Nov 20-26			
13	Nov 27-Dec 2		Test 2	
	Dec 4-15	Schedule for oral exam as agreed with course Lecturer	Oral Exam	

Class sections and teachers' contact details:

Class	Time	Classroom	Weeks	Teacher	Email
GERM2000A	Fri 8:30-11:15	ARC G02	13	Ms. Annette Frömel	annettefromel@cuhk.edu.hk

For further information and inquiries, you are welcome to contact the Course Coordinator:

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Academic Honesty and Plagiarism
<p>Attention is drawn to University policy and regulations on honesty in academic work, and to the disciplinary guidelines and procedures applicable to breaches of such policy and regulations. Details may be found at http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/.</p> <p>With each assignment, students will be required to submit a signed declaration that they are aware of these policies, regulations, guidelines and procedures. For group projects, all students of the same group should be asked to sign the declaration.</p> <p>For assignments in the form of a computer-generated document that is principally text-based and submitted via VeriGuide, the statement, in the form of a receipt, will be issued by the system upon students' uploading of the soft copy of the assignment. Assignments without the receipt will not be graded by teachers. Only the final version of the assignment should be submitted via VeriGuide.</p>
Feedback for Evaluation
<p>Our language programme highly values students' feedback and comments and is happy to use them for reflection on our teaching and improvement. Students are very welcome to provide comments and feedback on the course any time to their course teacher or the course level coordinator through email or in personal conversation. In addition, students' feedbacks will be collected in the middle of the term through an open-end questionnaire and the teacher will discuss the feedbacks in class and make improvements if necessary. The course will also follow the university's course evaluation exercise at the end of the term, and students' feedbacks will be used for future course planning and teaching.</p>