



Term 2 2024-2025

Course Code & Title:	GERM3000	German IV	
Language of Instruction:	German / English	Units: 3	

Course Description

Building on the knowledge acquired in GERM2001 this course aims at increasing students' communicative fluency in oral and written German. Using a variety of classroom activities and multimedia, students will build up their competence in the four language domains listening, speaking, reading and writing. Through intensive practice they will be able to communicate in a wide range of social situations with the appropriate awareness of the pragmatic rules involved. Students receive guidance in the process of composing longer texts displaying a range of registers and styles relating to past, present and future events.

Learning Outcomes

- Upon completion of the course, the student should be able to deal with daily situations in German
- Talking about seasons and festivals
 - Discussing holidays
 - Writing invitations
 - Talking about transportation
 - Discussing lodgings

Course Syllabus

Lesson	Speech Acts / Topics	Grammar	Culture
Das Leben, A1.2, Unit 15	Talking about seasons and festivals	Comparative	Weather in German-speaking countries
Unit 16	Discussing holidays	Modal verb 'wollen', Prepositions using Akkusativ	Holiday
Das Leben, A2.1, Unit 1	Writing invitations	Auxiliary clauses with 'dass', reflexive pronouns	High school graduation
Unit 2	Talking about Transportation	Superlative with 'am', auxiliary clauses with 'weil'	Transportation in cities
Unit 3	Lodgings	Reflexive verbs with prepositions, adjectives without articles, Modal verbs	Variety of lodgings in German Speaking countries

Course Components

Teaching Mode

On-site face-to-face interactive classwork: 100%

Learning Activities

Interactive classwork[1] (hr)		Extra-curricular activities (hr)		Web-based teaching (hr)		Homework / Self-study (hr)	
in /	out class	in /	out class	in /	out class	in /	out class
3			2		0.5		3
M			O		M		M

M = Mandatory / O = Optional

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

Assessment Type		
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:

- Students are required to arrive on time.
- Students are required to attend at least 75% of the class. Treat 75% attendance as the minimum, not the maximum.
- **Should a student miss more than 25% of the class, he/she will automatically fail the course.**
- If a student is unable to attend, he/she should review the content and homework that are missed and make them up him/her-self.
- **For missed tests, make-up tests will not be arranged unless the student can provide an official supporting document, such as a medical certificate.**

Assessment Rubrics

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 sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance. Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters in a competent way. Can describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need appropriately.	Good performance in all learning outcomes. Can understand and mostly appropriately use sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance. Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters in a suitable way. Can describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need mostly appropriately	Satisfactory performance in the majority of learning outcomes. Can partially understand and partially appropriately use sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance. Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters in a basic way. Can partially appropriately describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.	Barely satisfactory performance in a number of learning outcomes. Can rarely understand and appropriately use sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance. Can barely communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters. Can occasionally describe in very simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.	Unsatisfactory performance in a number of learning outcomes and/or failure to meet specified assessment requirements. Cannot understand and use sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance. Cannot communicate in routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters. Cannot describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.

Course Schedule (Subject to change):

Week	Date	Remarks	Assignments	
1	Jan 6-12			Einheit 15/16
2	Jan 13-19	Online add drop (until Jan 19 (Sun))		
3	Jan 20 - 26	Department add drop (until Jan 24) (only exceptional cases)		
4	Jan 27 – Feb 2	28 Jan (Tue) – 3 Feb (Mon) Lunar New Year Vacation		Einheit 16
5	Feb 3 - 9	28 Jan (Tue) – 3 Feb (Mon) Lunar New Year Vacation		
6	Feb 10 – 16			
7	Feb 17 - 23		Test 1	A2.1 Einheit 1
8	Feb 24 – Mar 2			
9	Mar 3 - 9	3 Mar (Mon) -8 Mar (Sat) Reading week		Einheit 2
10	Mar 10 - 16	12 Mar (Wed) German Night		
11	Mar 17 - 23			
12	Mar 24 - 30			Einheit 3
13	Mar 31 – Apr 6	4 Apr (Fri) Ching Ming Festival		
14	Apr 7 – 13			
15	Apr 14 - 20	18 Apr (Fri) Good Friday	Test 2	
	Apr 21-27	Schedule for oral exam as agreed on with course Lecturer	Oral Exam	

Learning Resources

Required Readings and Course Materials

Evans, Sandra; Pude, Angela; Specht, Franz (2012):

1. Das Leben, A1.2 Cornelsen Verlag GmbH, Berlin, 2022

2. Das Leben, A2.1 Cornelsen Verlag GmbH, Berlin, 2023

(Textbooks are available at The Commercial Press bookstore, on CUHK campus.)

Course website: Moodle@Keep

<https://moodle.keep.edu.hk/>

Announcements over the Blackboard site GERM0000

Online Resources

- Leo online dictionary (English-Chinese, English German www.leo.org/)
- Video Course: Nicos Weg <https://learngerman.dw.com/en/nicos-weg/c-36519789>
- 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=PL2e0DtFeEEi1qOIAnzixOlgOb-elJQqfg>

Recommended Readings & Library Resources

- Reimann, Monika (2001) Essential Grammar of German with Exercises. Ismaning: Hueber
- Dodd, Bill et al. (1996) Modern German Grammar: A Practical Guide. London: Routledge

Class sections and teacher's contact details:

Class	Time	Classroom	No of weeks	Teacher	Email
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Feedback for Evaluation

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 at 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-ended 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.

Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

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/academic honesty/>.

With each assignment, students will be required to submit a signed declaration that they are aware of these policies, regulations, guidelines and procedures.

- In the case of group projects, all members of the group should be asked to sign the declaration, each of whom is responsible and liable to disciplinary actions, irrespective of whether he/she has signed the declaration and whether he/she has contributed, directly or indirectly, to the problematic contents.
- 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.
- Students are fully aware that their work may be investigated by AI content detection software to determine originality.
- Students are fully aware of the AI approach(es) adopted in the course. In the case where some AI tools are allowed, students have made proper acknowledgment and citations as suggested by the course teacher.

Assignments without a properly signed declaration will not be graded by teachers.
Only the final version of the assignment should be submitted via VeriGuide.

The submission of a piece of work, or a part of a piece of work, for more than one purpose (e.g. to satisfy the requirements in two different courses) without declaration to this effect shall be regarded as having committed undeclared multiple submissions. It is common and acceptable to reuse a turn of phrase or a sentence or two from one's own work; but wholesale reuse is problematic. In any case, agreement from the course teacher(s) concerned should be obtained prior to the submission of the piece of work.

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Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools in Teaching, Learning and Assessment

All use of AI tools is prohibited in assignments and assessment tasks

For assignments and assessment tasks that count towards the final course grades, students are not allowed to submit work which is produced with the collaboration of or supported by the use of any generative AI tools (e.g. ChatGPT)*.

Any breach of the regulations will be considered an act of academic dishonesty and will be handled according to the University's *Procedures for Handling Cases of Academic Dishonesty*.
In case of queries, students should seek advice from the course teacher.

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