



UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code GERM-202	Course Title German Language and Culture IV	ECTS Credits 6
Department Centre of Modern Languages	Semester Fall / Spring	Prerequisites GERM-201 or Start Deutsch 1 or placement test
Type of Course Elective	Field Languages	Language of Instruction German / English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 1 st to 4 th	Lecturer(s) Dr Antroulla Papakyriakou
Mode of Delivery face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- introduce (a basic level of) German language
- facilitate the development of speaking, listening, reading and writing skills in German
- familiarize students with cultural, geographical and historical aspects of German speaking populations.
- make students aware of cultural differences and similarities so that they demonstrate intercultural competence.

By the end of the semester, students are expected to be able to function at the A2 (Waystage) level of the Common European Framework for Languages.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

Listening skills

Catch the main points in short messages and simple exchange of information:

- identify the main points of a conversation and of oral documents around familiar issues (e.g. education, employment)
- identify information given by speakers who use grammatically simple sentences with a degree of accuracy

Speaking skills

Handle a direct exchange of information on familiar topics:

- engage in conversation on familiar and routine topics (in the present, past and future)
- describe personal experiences and matters in areas of immediate environment
- narrate simple events (in the present, past and future)
- communicate using grammatically simple sentences with a degree of accuracy

Reading skills

Read very short simple texts, such as a job announcement, an advertisement, a poem, or a short newspaper article:

- scan for information in a simple text
- extrapolate the meaning of occasional unknown words from the context and deduce sentence meaning provided that the topic presented is familiar

Writing skills

Write short, simple texts relating to matters of immediate need:

- describe an event or personal experiences
- write a friendly letter to invite, thank, present excuses, ask for information, congratulate.
- send an announcement to a newspaper while looking for a new flat
- write a CV for a job application

Course Contents:

Students are familiar with most of the following **grammar** structures:

- Secondary clauses/subordinating conjunctions: *als, wenn, um zu, damit*
- the verb *werden*
- Modalverbs in the past tense (Präteritum)
- Regular verbs in the Präteritum tense
- Past tenses: Perfekt and Präteritum
- Di-transitive verbs (Nominativ – Dativ – Akkusativ)
- Verbs with accusative/dative (legen / liegen)
- Passive voice (auxiliary: werden/wurden)
- Conditionals
- Wishes: *hätten, könnte*

They can identify and use **vocabulary** about the following topics and situations:

- work and employment, education and professional development, technology, media, holidays and travel, living in a city vs. living on the country site

They are familiar with some aspects of the target **culture(s)**:

- work and employment, education, holidays, the media, festivals and customs in German speaking countries, politics
- and can demonstrate basic intercultural awareness.

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures, multi-media (audio/video), discussions with class participation, group/pair work

Assessment Methods:

Participation in structured oral discussions, essay writing, listening comprehension tests, reading comprehension tests, grammar and vocabulary tests, summarizing, paraphrasing.

The grading policy includes: Quizzes; Mid-Term Exam; Final Exam; Class Participation; Writing Assignment

Required Textbooks/ Readings:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Funk, Kuhn, Demme	Studio d A2/ Kurs und Übungsbuch	Cornelsen Verlag	2006	9783464207123
Rita Maria Niemann & Dong Ha Kim	Studio d A2/ Sprachtraining	Cornelsen Verlag	2006	9783464207147