

FACULTY OF CREATIVE AND CRITICAL STUDIES
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES AND WORLD LITERATURES

2021 Winter Term 1
Beginners' German I: 3 credits
German 100-001

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Klasse: Dienstag (Tu) 15:30- 17:00
Donnerstag (Th) 15:30 -17:00

Sprechstunde:

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Donnerstag (Thu) 17:00-18:30

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Academic Calendar Entry

GERM 100 (3) Beginners' German I

Introduction to the language. Ability to communicate accurately in a variety of everyday situations. [3-0-0]

Course Format

Most FCCS Fall 2021 courses are face-to-face.

In case of a return to online course delivery, this course will be taught synchronously (i.e. we will be meeting live but remotely via zoom. A zoom code will be sent. The expectation is that students will participate in the live sessions and work on the supplemental material as assigned (such as Easy German video exercises on youtube).

Hygiene etiquette

Unless you have an approved exemption, the Provincial Health Officer's current orders require you to wear a mask covering both your nose and mouth in all indoor common and learning spaces, including classrooms. Please come to campus prepared with a non-medical mask. If you forget your mask, disposable masks are available. To comply with the rules for masking, there will be no eating or hot drinks during class. Drinking through a straw is allowable so long as your mask remains in place. At all times, let us treat each other with respect and kindness, aware of the stresses, strains, and sorrows that have come upon many of us.

Course Overview, Content and Objectives

Willkommen to the German Language Programme in the Department of Critical Studies at the University of British Columbia Okanagan. German 100 is the first level of the programme. It is intended for students who have NO previous knowledge of German. The objective of this course is to develop linguistic skills through integrated and interactive practice in reading, writing, listening and speaking. The programme also promotes intercultural learning and the development of global awareness

Learning Outcomes

After completing this course, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of pronunciation of German
- Be able to have simple conversations and read and understand basic texts
- Have knowledge of nouns (gender, number, case), verbs (conjugation, present and past tense, pronouns (person, gender, number) in German
- Acquire a basic vocabulary used in everyday situations
- Demonstrate familiarity with some German social and cultural habits

Additional Course Requirements

There are no additional requirements for this course

Evaluation of Grades:

Class Participation and Preparation	5%
Responses to Easy German Assignments	5%
Quizzes (4x2%)	10%
Mini-essays (5% each)	10%
Written Unit Tests (2x 15%)	30%
Final Exam	30%
Final Oral Exam	10%

- Students are expected to attend and participate in the live meetings and to complete any assignments.
- Easy German exercises (youtube) are assigned periodically.
- There will two (2) quizzes per chapter and they will test the vocabulary (Wortschatz 1 and 2 in each chapter) and the respective grammar topics.
- Two mini essays will be completed. Due dates are on the weekly overview and topics are listed below.
- The My Lab German assignments accompany the chapters in *Treffpunkt*. Students can complete the My Lab assignments within the allotted timeframe as often as they wish. The completion of My Lab exercises is not mandatory.
- Two mini essays will be completed. Due dates are on the weekly overview and topics are listed below.
- Two (2) written unit tests will be given at the end of each chapter of *Treffpunkt Deutsch*. Each unit test will consist of a listening comprehension, a vocabulary / grammar section and a writing section. Each section will reflect the vocabulary, grammar, and content of the unit covered in the textbook.

- Individual oral exams will be held in the assigned timeslot towards the end of term or by appointment with the professor. In the oral exam the professor will have a short conversation with the student at the appropriate level. A rubric (pronunciation, fluency, complexity, vocabulary) and a list of possible conversation topics will be posted on Canvas.

This course is graded on a numeric (percentage) scale based on the UBCO Academic Calendar

UBC O Grading Scale:

Percentage (%)	
90–100	A+
85–89	A
80–84	A-
76–79	B+
72–75	B
68–71	B-
64–67	C+
60–63	C
55–59	C-
50–54	D
0–49	F (fail)

Required Text and Videos:

Required:

Gonglewski, Moser, Partsch (eds). *Treffpunkt Deutsch*. 7th ed. E-text **or** Hardcover.

Easy German videos on youtube as and when assigned throughout the term.

Optional:

My Lab German to accompany Treffpunkt (Available as a package).

The course code for My Lab German is: [.....]

A complete set of instructions on how to access the platform are posted on Canvas.

Easy German videos on youtube as and when assigned throughout the term.

Course Schedule

<u>Week</u>	<u>Treffpunkt Deutsch</u>	<u>Test Dates</u>
Sept. 07-09	Intro and Erste Kontakte	
Sept. 14-16	Erste Kontakte	
Sept. 21-23	Chapter 1	
Sept. 28 Sept. 30	Chapter 1 RECONCILIATION DAY: no classes	
Oct. 05-07	Chapter 1	
Oct. 12-14	Chapter 2	TEST 1: Tue. 12 Oct
Oct. 19-21	Chapter 2	MINI ESSAY 1 Thur. 21 Oct.
Oct. 26-28	Chapter 2	
Nov. 02-04	Chapter 2	
Nov. 09-11	MIDTERM BREAK: no classes	
Nov. 16-18	Chapter 2/3	
Nov. 23-25	Chapter 3	TEST2: Thu. 25. Nov.
Nov. 30 -Dec. 02	Chapter 3	MINI ESSAY 2 The. 02 Dec.
Dec. 07	Review / Exam Prep	

Mini Essays (writing assignments):

Two mini essays (paragraphs, dialogues, letters or short essays) of varying lengths (ca. 80 - 120 words) will be assigned and written at home. Please refer to relevant passages in the UBC- O calendar on plagiarism and academic honesty appended at the end of this course outline.

Topics:

Mini Essay 1: Das bin ich *oder*: Das sind meine Freunde

Mini Essay 2: Meine Familie *oder*: Meine Stadt

Final Examinations:

The examination period for Term1 of Winter 2021 is December 11 to December 22, inclusive. Except in the case of examination clashes and hardships (three or more formal examinations scheduled within a 27-hour period) or unforeseen events, students will be permitted to apply for out-of-time final examinations only if they are representing the University, the province, or the country in a competition or performance; serving in the Canadian military; observing a religious rite; working to support themselves or their family; or caring for a family member. Unforeseen events include (but may not be limited to) the following: ill health or other personal challenges that arise during a term and changes in the requirements of an ongoing job.

Further information on Academic Concession can be found under Policies and Regulation in the *Okanagan Academic Calendar* <http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=3,48,0,0>

Aboriginal Programs and Services

The primary goal of the Aboriginal Programs and Services is to provide culturally appropriate services and support to First Nation, Metis and Inuit students. Please contact us if you have any questions or inquiries. Web: <http://students.ok.ubc.ca/aboriginal/welcome.html>

International Programs and Services

International Programs and Services (IPS) provides advising, transition services and programs for international students, and IPS works to foster an intercultural campus community where differences are embraced and respected and adapting is multidirectional. In response to COVID-19, International Program and Services have put together a page with important resources and frequently asked questions regarding immigration and health insurance. Web: <http://students.ok.ubc.ca/international/welcome.html>

Academic Integrity

The academic enterprise is founded on honesty, civility, and integrity. As members of this enterprise, all students are expected to know, understand, and follow the codes of conduct regarding academic integrity. At the most basic level, this means submitting only original work done by you and acknowledging all sources of information or ideas and attributing them to others as required. This also means you should not cheat, copy, or mislead others about what is your work. Violations of academic integrity (i.e., misconduct) lead to the breakdown of the academic enterprise, and therefore serious consequences arise and harsh sanctions are imposed. For example, incidences of plagiarism or cheating may result in a mark of zero on the assignment or exam and more serious consequences may apply if the matter is referred to the President's Advisory Committee on Student Discipline. Careful records are kept in order to monitor and prevent recurrences.



A more detailed description of academic integrity, including the University's policies and procedures, may be found in the Academic Calendar at:

<http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/calendar/index.cfm?tree=3,54,111,0>.

And on the FCCS site here: <https://fccs.ok.ubc.ca/student-resources/academic-integrity/>

Student Learning Hub

The Student Learning Hub (LIB 237) is your go-to resource for free math, science, writing, and language learning support. The Hub welcomes undergraduate students from all disciplines and year levels to access a range of supports that include **tutoring in math, sciences, languages, and writing, as well as help with study skills and learning strategies**. For more information, please visit the Hub's website (<https://students.ok.ubc.ca/student-learning-hub/>) or call 250-807-9185.

Academic Integrity Matters (AIM) Program

AIM is a program that provides help with academic integrity (AI) issues for undergraduate and graduate students. Please contact the Student Learning Hub (<https://students.ok.ubc.ca/student-learning-hub/>) and ask specifically for an AIM appointment.

Library Information

The **Library** is available for research and citation support and can be accessed [here](#). You should receive a brief Library orientation either virtually or in-person to help get you started with using an academic library for your work. The English & Cultural Studies Librarian Sajni Lacey is also available to help you with finding, evaluating, and citing sources for your assignments and you are encouraged to reach out to her with your questions. You can meet with her in person or online, and she can be reached at Sajni.lacey@ubc.ca to make an appointment.

UBC Okanagan Disability Resource Centre

The Disability Resource Centre ensures educational equity for students with disabilities and chronic medical conditions. If you require academic accommodations, please contact the Disability Resource Centre located in the University Centre building (UNC 214).

General inquiries or students new to the DRC can reach us by emailing drc.questions@ubc.ca

Web: <http://students.ok.ubc.ca/drc/welcome.html>

UBC Okanagan Equity and Inclusion Office

Through leadership, vision, and collaborative action, the Equity & Inclusion Office (EIO) develops action strategies in support of efforts to embed equity and inclusion in the daily operations across the campus. The EIO provides education and training from cultivating respectful, inclusive spaces and communities to understanding unconscious/implicit bias and its operation within in campus environments. UBC Policy 3 prohibits discrimination and harassment on the basis of BC's Human Rights Code. If you require assistance related to an issue of equity, educational programs, discrimination or harassment please contact the EIO (UNC 216).

Email: equity.ubco@ubc.ca

Web: www.equity.ok.ubc.ca

Health & Wellness

Health and Wellness offers a range of student health and wellness services, including a health clinic, counsellors, and health promotion programs. Students are encouraged to stay at home if they have a minor or communicable illness (such as flu-like symptoms) to prevent further spread of illness to other students, staff, or faculty. If students are too ill to attend class, the student should contact the instructor immediately



and submit a “Self Declaration of Absence Due to Illness or Injury” form: [Student Declaration of Absence Due to Illness or Injury \(PDF\)](#)

Please note: Use of the self-declaration form during the final exam period is not accepted—students are advised to communicate directly with their instructor if they are sick and unable to write final examinations. This declaration is not an exemption from any exams, papers, or projects that were missed during the time of absence and does not modify any academic obligations.

If students would like to access a UBC physician, nurse or counsellor, please call our office at 250 807-9270 or visit our website: <https://students.ok.ubc.ca/health-wellness/>

The UBC Student Assistance Program (SAP) is a free, 24/7 wellness resource for students. Services include personal counselling, life coaching, group programs and more, based on your needs: <https://students.ok.ubc.ca/health-wellness/student-assistance-program/>

FCCS Communications Portal

Consider signing up for our FCCS Communications portal for students in our undergraduate and graduate programs in Canvas.

This one-stop space will be used to keep students informed and up to date with important information related to your academic matters as well as updated on FCCS and campus events.

Self enrol: <https://canvas.ubc.ca/enroll/3KBYFY>

SAFEWALK

Don't want to walk alone at night? Not too sure how to get somewhere on campus? Call Safewalk at 250.807.8076. For more information, visit: <http://security.ok.ubc.ca/welcome.html>