



## Online Courses for High School Students 1-888-972-6237

### German I

#### Course Description:

Students begin their introduction to German by focusing on the four key areas of foreign language study: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The course represents an ideal blend of language learning pedagogy and online learning. Each unit consists of a new vocabulary theme and grammar concept, reading and listening comprehension activities, speaking and writing activities, multimedia cultural presentations, and interactive activities and practices which reinforce vocabulary and grammar. There is a strong emphasis on providing context and conversational examples for the language concepts presented in each unit. Students should expect to be actively engaged in their own language learning, become familiar with common vocabulary terms and phrases, comprehend a wide range of grammar patterns, participate in simple conversations and respond appropriately to basic conversational prompts, analyze and compare cultural practices, products, and perspectives of various German-speaking countries, and take frequent assessments where their language progression can be monitored.

**Course length:** Two semesters

**Materials:** A German-English dictionary is recommended

**Prerequisites:** None

#### *Overall Course Objectives*

#### **This course helps students:**

- Master common vocabulary terms and phrases, including topics such as seasonal activities, family life, staying healthy, and giving directions.
- Comprehend a wide range of grammar patterns, including definite and indefinite articles, negation with nicht and kein, regular and irregular verb conjugations, and subordinating/ coordinating conjunctions.
- Analyze and compare cultural practices, products, and perspectives of Germans through topics such as Grimm's Fairy Tales, German food, Richard Wagner, and birthday traditions.
- Participate in simple conversations and respond appropriately to basic conversational prompts
- Generate language incorporating basic vocabulary and grammar patterns
- Read, write, speak, and listen for meaning in basic German
- Regularly assess progress in proficiency through quizzes, tests, and speaking/writing submissions

## ***Recurring Content***

### **Vocabulary Theme:**

- Each unit presents a new set of vocabulary words pertaining to a particular theme. Each topic is first presented in context and then, the vocabulary is further practiced through a variety of interactive activities and practices. A printable vocabulary list is also provided.

### **Grammar Concept:**

- Each unit introduces a new grammar pattern. The concept is first introduced in a contextualized situation and then, presented in a multimedia grammar animation. The concept is then further practiced in several interactive activities throughout the unit. A printable explanation of the pattern is also provided.
- Presentation of Culture through Culture Videos
- In each unit, students learn about various cultural aspects (e.g. practices, products, and perspectives) of a German-speaking country through short video presentations.

### **Speaking and Writing Activities:**

- Students complete speaking and writing activities in each unit. These activities give students a chance to become more familiar with the speaking and writing patterns of German by applying them in communicative situations.

### **Listening and Reading Comprehension Activities:**

- Each unit contains both listening and reading comprehension practices. They are based on the vocabulary, grammar, or culture concepts presented that unit and challenge students to identify the main ideas and significant details of the listening/reading excerpts.

### **Assessments:**

- Listening and reading comprehension quizzes verify that students comprehend the main ideas and/or significant details of target language passages or conversations.
- Culture comprehension quizzes verify that students have understood important concepts presented in the culture presentations.
- Unit tests assess students' mastery of the vocabulary words and grammar concepts presented in that unit. Each unit test also includes reading and listening comprehension questions and an oral or written assessment.
- Semester Exams are comprehensive in nature. Not only do they assess students' knowledge of the language, but they also assess students' ability to produce the language in a communicative way. Semester Exams include both oral and written assessments.

### **“Explore” Activities:**

- These activities help students develop a more profound understanding of German speaking countries and cultures.

### **Journal:**

- Journal assignments allow students to make cultural comparisons, reinforce new vocabulary and grammar patterns, and practice communicating in the language.

### **Pronunciation:**

- Pronunciation lessons are presented in short animation videos. These videos focus on the unique sounds of the language. Follow-up activities throughout the unit provide additional practices for students to improve their pronunciation skills.

Semester 1				
	Vocabulary	Grammar	Culture	Pronunciation
<b>Unit 1</b>	Greetings	Definite and indefinite articles: der, die, das	Berlin	
<b>Unit 2</b>	School Alphabet	Noun/Pronoun Relationship	Burgen und Schlösser	Das Alphabet
<b>Unit 3</b>	Descriptions Colors	Conjugation with Present Tense Regular Verbs	Berliner Pastries	
<b>Unit 4</b>	Countries and Nationalities Numbers 0—30	Word Order in Questions and Commands	Idioms	The Letter W
<b>Unit 5</b>	Telling time Adverbs of Frequency	Present Tense Irregular Verbs	Berlin Wall	
<b>Unit 6</b>	Common Regular Verbs Coordinating Conjunctions Prepositions	Verb Placement in Statements	Fussball Vereine	ie vs. ei
<b>Unit 7</b>	Common Irregular Verbs	Possessive Adjectives in Nominative Case	Grimm Brothers Disney	
<b>Unit 8</b>	Days, Months, and Seasons Numbers 30—100	Negation with nicht and kein	Beethoven	The Letter A Umlaut
<b>Unit 10</b>	Hobbies	Showing Preference with gern and lieblings	Dresden	Pronouncing a Final E
<b>Unit 11</b>	Food (part 1)	Articles in the Accusative Case	Weihnachtsmarkt	
<b>Unit 12</b>	Food (part 2)	Nominative and Accusative Pronouns	Pretzels	The Letter O Umlaut
<b>Unit 13</b>	Family	Accusative Prepositions	Idioms	
<b>Unit 14</b>	Places	Interrogatives	Berlin Airlift	au vs. a umlaut u/eu
<b>Unit 15</b>	Animals	Dies— Words	Kinder Eggs	
<b>Unit 16</b>	Shopping	Choosing the Correct Form of "To Know"	Grimm Brothers/Non Disney	The Letter U Umlaut

Semester 1 (Continued)				
	Vocabulary	Grammar	Culture	Pronunciation
<b>Unit 17</b>	Weather Expressions	Coordinating and Subordinating Conjunctions	Wagner	
<b>Unit 18 Final Review and Test</b>				
Semester 2				
<b>Unit 19</b>	Professions	Adjectives with Articles	Heidelberg	
<b>Unit 20</b>	Clothing	Dative Case	German School System	The Letter S
<b>Unit 21</b>	At Home	Dative Prepositions	Lebkuchen	
<b>Unit 22</b>	Body	Dative Pronouns	Idioms	Hard ch vs. Soft ch
<b>Unit 23</b>	Reflexive Verb List	Reflexive Verbs	Martin Luther	
<b>Unit 24</b>	Cognates Numbers 1- ----1000	Modal Verbs	Traditional Dress – Lederhosen – Dirndl, etc.	The Letter V
<b>Unit 25</b>	On Vacation	Comparative and Superlative Forms of Adjectives	Max und Moritz	
<b>Unit 26</b>	Telephone	Comparing zu and nach	Mozart	The Letter R
<b>Unit 28</b>	Directions	Separable Verbs	Frankfurt	The Letter Z
<b>Unit 29</b>	Transportation	Separable Verbs with Modals	Deutschmark Euro	
<b>Unit 30</b>	Medical Words	Conversational Past Tense (Present Perfect)	Marzipan/ Glückschwein	The Letter J
<b>Unit 31</b>	Sports	Strong and Weak Verbs	Idioms	
<b>Unit 32</b>	Outdoor Activities	Narrative Past Tense (Simple Past)	German Tribes	S with Other Consonants
<b>Unit 33</b>	Travel	Verb Placement Review	Cathedrals and Churches	
<b>Unit 34</b>	Computers (part 1)	Future Tense	Faust/Goethe	Pronouncing Borrowed Words
<b>Unit 35</b>	Computers (part 2)	Past Tense Exceptions	Johannes Gutenberg	
<b>Unit 36 Final Review and Test</b>				