

# Elementary German I

## Syllabus Spring 2011

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**Course description:** In Elementary German I you will learn the basics of German. This should enable you to get around in a German-speaking country by using German. The course will use a communicative methodology – you will learn to speak German and not only memorize vocabulary. Another important part of the course will be the establishment of a good grammatical base. Our textbook will be “*Deutsch heute*”. At the end of the semester you should know the grammar and the basic language capabilities, which are the learning goals in the first six chapters of this book. We will also watch one German movie.

### Grading policy

Class participation/attendance:	20%
Vocabulary quizzes (2):	20%
Mid-term:	20%
Final:	40%

## Schedule of classes

### Week 1

24 January - Overview of course; Getting acquainted

26 January - Introd. Chap.: Numbers; Nouns, gender

### Week 2

31 January - Chap.1: The present tense; In the restaurant

2 February - Chap.1: The words *gern* and *nicht*; Telling time

### Week 3

7 February - Chap.1: The alphabet; Interrogative pronouns; Questions

9 February - Chap.2: The verbs *haben* and *sein*; Word order

### Week 4

14 February - Chap.2: Negation with *nicht* and *kein*; The nominative case; The weather

16 February - Chap.2: Possessive adjectives; Plural forms; Vocabulary quiz I (Chap.1+2)

### Week 5

21 February - Chap.3: Imperatives; In the shop

23 February - Chap.3: The accusative case; Flavoring particles

*Week 6*

28 February - Chap.3: Accusative of pronouns; The euro

2 March - Chap.3: Demonstrative pronouns; Accusative prepositions

*Week 7*

7 March - Chap.4: Verbs with stem-vowel shifts; The verbs *werden*, *wissen*, *kennen*

9 March - Midterm test (Chap. 1-3)

*Week 8*

14 March - Chap.4: Modal auxiliaries; The educational system in Germany

16 March - Chap.4: The verbs *mögen* and *möchten*; Family and relatives

*Week 9* - SPRING BREAK - NO CLASSES

*Week 10*

28 March - Chap.4: Separable-prefix verbs; Being a student; Professions

30 March - Chap.5: The verbs *gefallen*, *fahren*, *gehen*; Austria

*Week 11*

4 April - Chap.5: Conjunctions; Vocabulary quiz II (Chap.3+4)

6 April - Chap.5: The dative case; Public transportation

*Week 12*

11 April - Chap.5: Dative verbs; Dative prepositions; Giving directions

13 April - Chap.6: The present perfect tense; Free time

*Week 13*

18 April - Chap.6: Past participles; Computer and television

20 April - Chap.6: Infinitives used as nouns; Holidays and vacation

*Week 14*

25 April - Holiday

27 April - Adjective endings; Clothing

*Week 15*

2 May - Movie

4 May - Ordinal numbers; Review

*Week 16* - 9 May: Final exam

