

Foreign Language

Form III: German I

Textbook:

Deutsche Aktuell I 5th edition by Wolfgang S. Kraft: EMC Paradigm, St. Paul, Minn 2004
The students will read Der Marchenkoenig Langenscheidt edition during the second semester.
They may also read Oktoberfest Langenscheidt edition if time permits.

Prerequisites:

Students must be in Form III and completed 2 years of Latin

Course Description:

The purpose of German I is to provide students with a working knowledge of German, so that they can communicate on a basic level in German, and to have an understanding of the grammar of the language and the culture of German speaking countries.

Course Goals:

1. Students will master grammatical topics of personal pronouns, present, future and conversational past tenses; definite and indefinite articles; singular and plural nouns; question words; modal auxiliaries; accusative case within the sentence and with prepositions, dative case within the sentence and with prepositions, and directional-locational prepositions.
2. Students will be able to converse on topics such as the weather, greetings, family relations, days of the week, numbers-both ordinal and cardinal, school life, shopping in Germany, clothes, German movies and entertainment, rooms of the house and furniture, sports, means of transportation, parts of the city.
3. Students will identify geographical parts of the German speaking nations.

Course Objectives:

1. Students will be able to speak on a basic level with German speaking people.
2. Students will be able to read signs and do simple mathematical problems in German.
3. Students will be able to understand German spoken to them.
4. Students will be able to express themselves in a written manner in German.

Course Sequence:

Semester I

Kapitel 1 - Personal Pronouns
Familiar and Formal forms of du, ihr, Sie
Present tense verb forms

Kapitel 2 - Formation of questions

Gender, der, die, das

Kapitel 3 - Present tense of haben
Word order
Zu Hause, nach Hause

Kapitel 4 - Accusative
Wer? Wen? Was?
Present tense of sein

Kapitel 5 - Indefinite article (nominative and accusative)
Plural nouns
Wie viel?, wie viele?

Kapitel 6 - Modal auxiliaries: (mogen, müssen, wollen)
Negation

Semester II

Kapitel 7 - Modal auxiliaries: (dürfen, können, sollen)
Future tense
Words used for emphasis

Kapitel 8 - Verbs with stem changing vowels
Personal pronouns (nominative and accusative)
Command forms

Kapitel 9 - Verbs with separable prefixes
Accusative prepositions
Compound nouns

Kapitel 10 - Dative – indirect object
Dative prepositions
Verbs followed by the dative case

Kapitel 11 - Present perfect tense – regular verbs
Dative of personal pronouns

Kapitel 12 - Present perfect tense – irregular verbs
Possessive adjectives

Method and Evaluation:

Daily homework, written, oral, and listening comprehension exercises. There will be oral presentation and recitations, both rehearsed and impromptu. Vocabulary, grammar and listening quizzes will be given on a weekly basis. Chapter tests will be given after each chapter. Essays in German will be assigned progressively gaining in length.

Supplemental Materials:

There is a film series and audio CDs that supplement the text that will be used. There is also a workbook and testing materials that will be used with modifications.

