# German Language II

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***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

The course aims to develop the linguistic and communicative skills at general level with special regard to strategies of intercultural communication and will focus on the socio-political and economic area.

The course aims to reinforce the B1/B2 level language competence according to the European Reference Framework, with particular attention to discussing contemporary issues.

*Knowledge and understanding*

At the end of the course, students will have acquired a deeper knowledge of the German language and the German-speaking world, of its history and its development, as well as the role of the German language in the European linguistic context.

*Ability to apply knowledge and understanding*

At the end of the course, students will have improved their oral interaction skills thanks to the preparation and presentation of selected topics (discussion, presentation of projects, etc.) and will have improved their comprehension and writing skills of written texts as well as expanded their vocabulary.

***COURSE CONTENT***

Through the in-depth study of language structures, the course aims to introduce the culture of Germany and German-speaking countries, with particular attention to current issues. In particular, the following topics will be covered:

– overview of the history of the German language;

– the role of German in Europe and its variants (DACH);

– elements of *Landeskunde* (culture, tradition and geography);

– modern instruments of communication and information;

– daily situations (health, nature, work);

– overview of German history and politics.

***READING LIST***

The following textbook will be regularly used in class:

Vv.Aa., *Panorama Deutsch als Fremdsprache. B1*. Berlin: Cornelsen 2017.

ISBN Kursbuch: 978-3-06-120523-2

ISBN Arbeitsbuch:978-3-06-120479-2

Current information on Germany can be found in:

Vv.Aa., *Tatsachen über Deutschland*. Bundesaußenministerium der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, available on the Internet at the following address:

http://www.tatsachen-ueber-deutschland.de/de/inhaltsseiten-home/zahlen-fakten.html

Recommended grammar book:

Monika Reimann, *Grammatica di base della lingua tedesca*. München: Hueber 1999.

Recommended dictionary:

Luisa Giacoma / Susanne Kolb, *Il nuovo dizionario di tedesco*. Fourth edition. Bologna: Zanichelli/Klett 2019.

Further details on the reading list will be communicated during the course.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Lectures (in German) focusing on teaching content, on students’ interaction and extensive discussion. Lectures will be in person on campus and materials will be made available on the *Blackboard* platform.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Attendance is highly recommended, as for all language courses.

The final exam consists of a written and an oral exam focusing on all topics studied in the course.

The written part will assess students’ morpho-syntactic and grammar skills through the writing of a text and grammar assessment exercises. The oral part will assess students’ communicative competence on topics covered in class and on a topic chosen by students.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

A basic knowledge of German (B1 level) is required to attend the course.

In case the current Covid-19 health emergency does not allow frontal teaching, remote teaching and assessment will be carried out following procedures that will be promptly notified.

Further information can be found on the lecturer's webpage at <http://docenti.unicatt.it/web/searchByName.do?language=ENG> or on the Faculty notice board.