# Syllabus

**Intensive Course German as a Foreign Language, Level A1.1**

**Kleve, SS 2019**

**Prerequisites**

**None**

**Content**

* This course will cover the contents of chapters 1-6 in the book *studio 21 A1*.
* **Communication topics (with applied speaking activities)**: First encounters, café chats, expressing yourself in class, cities/countries/languages, lifestyles and accommodation, making appointments, finding your way (asking for directions or for a specific person)
* **Grammar topics**: The alphabet, “w-questions”, other types of questions, simple statements; articles (definite and indefinite), negation (kein, keine, nicht), the verbs *haben* und *sein* (also in simple past), adjectives, prepositions, ordinal numbers
* **Pronunciation exercises** (vary by chapter)
* This course includes **independent learning tasks** which must be completed in order to earn 5 ECTS. These tasks include **12 hours** of additional exercises (logged on a separate sheet) in the campus language lab:
* **Intensive training with interactive exercises** for vocabulary, listening and grammar – **Level A1 (chapters 1-6)**
* **The Film “Land und Leute”** – Accompanying videos for the book sections “Station 1” and “Station 2” (with worksheets and answer keys).

These materials are not required, but highly recommended:

* **Studio 21 Vocabulary App** (Cornelsen, €5.99 for A1 level)
* **Das Audiotraining für unterwegs** (studio d A1) – Additional pronunciation exercises (available in language lab)

**Objectives**

* The **focus** of this course is on building a **solid foundation of communicative skills**. Through practical examples you will learn how to orient yourself in straightforward situations, to introduce yourself and others, and to talk about things in your immediate vicinity. By the end of the course, you should be able to formulate simple sentences, ask simple questions and react to/answer simple questions posed to you.
* Course participants are supported throughout the **learning process** with respect to different learning experiences and any previous knowledge.
* **General learning strategies** (tips for effective learning) and **vocabulary learning strategies** (tips for effectively learning vocabulary and approaching new texts) will be discussed in class.
* **Important**: Homework is considered your individual responsibility. Answer keys to homework exercises can be downloaded from Cornelsen’s website and used to check your work.
* At the end of the course we will hold a **final examination** for the level A1.1, chapters 1-6, that will assess all four language skills (listening and reading comprehension, writing and speaking).
* Regular attendance (min. 80%, **11/13** sessions) is required in order to qualify for the final examination.
* Your **final course grade in order to earn 5 ECTS** is composed as follows:

1) Examination, 2) independent learning in language lab (**with a total of 12 hours**) and 3) other proficiencies.

The final course grade for the other participants: 1) Examination and 2) other proficiencies.

**Special Note**

**You can further improve your progress by booking a slot for learning guidance. These individual consultations are offered by German teachers and can be booked in Moodle. See our main Moodle page for more information.**