# Syllabus

**Intensive Course German as a Foreign Language, Level A1.2**

**Kleve, SS 2019**

**Prerequisites**

In order to participate in this course, you must:

* have completed level A1.1 (*studio 21 A1*, chapters 1-6):
	+ This is demonstrated by the corresponding **course certificate from HSRW** or a **stamped** **placement test completed at HSRW**. Neither document may be older than 2 semesters.
* In addition, you should be able to do the following in German:
	+ Introduce yourself and others,
	+ Describe things in your immediate vicinity,
	+ Answer simple questions concerning everyday situations, and
	+ **Actively** participate in simple **partner interviews** and **group discussions**.

**Content**

* This course will cover the contents of chapters 7-12 in the book *studio 21 A1.*
* **Communication topics (with applied speaking activities)**: career and everyday situations, asking for directions, holidays and vacations, food and drink, clothing and the weather, health and the body
* **Grammar topics**: Understanding the German “Satzklammer” (“wrapping” a sentence in two verbs) via the modal verbs *können, müssen, wollen, dürfen* in present simple; the perfect tense with regular and irregular verbs; prepositions with accusative and dative; possessive articles and personal pronouns in accusative; the imperative
* **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 7-12)**
* **The Film “Land und Leute”** – Accompanying videos for the book sections “Station 3” and “Station 4” (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 **improving your speaking skills**. The **idiomatic expressions** that accompany each communication topic represent important steps towards developing a realistic way of speaking German and help improve your ability to navigate everyday situations.
* **General learning strategies** (tips for effective learning) and **vocabulary learning strategies** (tips for effectively learning vocabulary) 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 entire A1 level 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.**