# Syllabus

**Intensive Course German as a Foreign Language, Level A2.1**

**Kleve, SS 2019**

**Course Prerequisites**

In order to participate in this course, you must:

* have successfully completed the entire A1 level (*studio 21 A1*, chapters 7-12):
	+ 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:
	+ Understand and use simple sentences and everyday expressions,
	+ Greet people,
	+ Introduce yourself and others,
	+ Enquire about where someone lives or is from, ask about people and things in your immediate vicinity, as well as answer simple questions regarding these topics.
	+ **Actively** participate in simple **partner interviews** and **group discussions**.

**Course Content**

* This course will cover the contents of chapters 1-6 in the book *studio 21 A2.*
* **Communication topics (with applied speaking activities):** “Sprache und Migration”, “Familie”, “Reisen und Verkehr”, “Freizeit und Hobbys”, “Medien im Alltag”, “Ausgehen”
* **Grammar topics**: Introduction to relative clauses: the “simple” sentences from the previous level will gradually increase in length and complexity via the conjunctions *weil, dass, aber, oder*, as well as the adverbs of time *zuerst, dann, danach,* and the comparison adjectives *wie, als*; indirect questions with relative clauses; personal pronouns and possessive articles in dative; the first verbs with prepositions.
* **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:
* **DVD “zum Deutschbuch” A2** – Accompanying videos for the book sections “Station 1” and “Station 2” (with worksheets and answer keys)
* **Intensive training exercises** (printed exercises for ch. 1-6)

These materials are not required, but highly recommended:

* **Studio 21 Vocabulary App** (Cornelsen, €5.99 for A2 level)
* **Strokes Easy Learning** – Dictation exercises (available in language lab)

**Objectives**

* The focus of this course is on **further improving your speaking skills**. Each lesson includes activities with idiomatic expressions that will help you achieve natural-sounding and situationally-appropriate German in real 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 A2.1 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.**