# Syllabus

**Intensive Course German as a Foreign Language, Level A2.2**

**Kleve, SS 2019**

**Prerequisites**

In order to participate in this course, you must:

* have successfully completed the A2.1 level (*studio 21 A2*, 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:
  + Understand and use simple sentences and everyday expressions,
  + Talk about your background and family,
  + Talk about your interests and hobbies,
  + Use simple relative clauses in conversations,
  + Hold short, simple conversations on familiar topics.

**Content**

* This course will cover the contents of chapters 6-12 in the book *studio 21 A1.*
* **Communication topics (with applied speaking activities)**: “Das Stadt- und Landleben”, “Kultur”, “Arbeitswelten”, “Feste und Feiern”, “Emotionen”, “Ideen und Erfindungen”
* **Grammar topics**: modal verbs in simple past; regular verbs in simple past; perfect tense vs. simple past in spoken and written German; giving reasons with *weil* and *denn*; relative clauses with *um…zu* and *damit*; verbs taking the dative and accusative; prepositions that can take both dative accusative; nominalisation; passive voice
* 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 3” and “Station 4” (with worksheets and answer keys)
* **Intensive training exercises** (printed exercises for ch. 7-12)

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. By the end of this course you should be able to navigate routine conversations with relative ease.
* **General learning strategies** (tips for effective learning) and **vocabulary learning strategies** (tips for effectively learning vocabulary) will be discussed and approaches to dealing with more advanced texts practiced 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 A2 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.**