# Syllabus

**German A1.1**

**Kleve, SS 2019**

**Prerequisites**

**None**

**Materials**

* Required: Studio 21 A1 (Gesamtband). Available for purchase online and through bookstores in Kleve.
* Optional: **Studio 21 Vocabulary App** (Cornelsen, €5.99 for the entire A1 level)

**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)
* **Mandatory additional requirement:** This course requires the completion of **independent learning tasks** in order to participate in the final exam. These tasks consist of **12 hours** of supplementary practice in the Language Lab (18 01 014) from the book **Intensive Training**, and includes interactivevocabulary, listening and grammar exercises for **Level A1 (chapters 1-6)**. This book can be borrowed from the library (2nd floor) for use in the Language Lab (1st floor), but must be returned immediately thereafter!

**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) and independent learning in our language lab are required in order to qualify for the final examination.
* The **final course grade in order to earn 5 ECTS and for the other participants** is composed as follows:

1) Examination

2) Independent learning in language lab (**with a total of 12 hours**)

3) Other proficiencies (including participation and completion of in-class assignments)

**Important note on ECTS credits**: Your eligibility depends on whether your faculty recognizes language courses for credit for your particular degree programme. Refer to your **examination regulations** and the **study and examination plan in the annex** for more information. If your examination regulations do not contain specific provisions for language courses, you are generally ineligible to receive ECTS credits.

**Learning Guidance**

**You can further improve your progress by booking a learning guidance appointment. These one-on-one appointments offer tailored learning support and guidance from our senior lecturers for German. See Moodle for more information/booking.**