# Syllabus

**German A1.2**

**Kleve, SS 2019**

**Prerequisites**

You are eligible to participate in this course if you:

* have completed level A1.1 (*studio 21 A1*, chapters 1-6):
* are proficient enough in German to:
  + 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**.

**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 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)
* **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 7-12)**. 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 **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) 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

**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.**