# Syllabus

**German A2.1**

**Kleve, SS 2019**

**Prerequisites**

You are eligible to participate in this course if you:

* have successfully completed the A1.2 level (*studio 21 A1*, ch. 7-12) or the A1 level as a whole:
* are proficient enough in German to:
  + 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**.

**Materials**

* Required: Studio 21 A2 (Gesamtband). Available for purchase online and through bookstores in Kleve.
* Optional: **Studio 21 Vocabulary App** (Cornelsen, €5.99 for the entire A2 level)

**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).
* **Mandatory additional requirement:** This course requires the completion of **independent learning tasks in Moodle** in order to participate in the final exam.

**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) and independent learning in Moodle 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 Moodle

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.**