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**Course: German, Stage 1a**

**Recommended textbook: Coggle and Schenke, *Willkommen!* 1 German Beginner’s Coursebook (3rd Edition)[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**Supplementary textbook: Lemcke, Rohrmann and Scherling, *Berliner Platz 1 NEU*: *Deutsch im Alltag*[[2]](#footnote-2)**

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**Delivery Method:** Online

This ten-week course will cover the basics of the German language and prepare the student for the next level, Stage 1b. Instead of the two-hour per week class format, the Online Stage 1a will consist of preparatory material (a narrated-Powerpoint recording, listening, reading, grammar or pronunciation exercises) to be completed independently prior to the weekly one-hour online class on Blackboard Collaborate or MS-Teams.[[3]](#footnote-3)

During the class, aspects of grammar and vocabulary will be discussed in greater detail; there will also be opportunities to complete more exercises in real time, participate in group activities, ask questions and have a short preview of the preparatory material for the coming week.

All materials will be available on Blackboard.

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| **Week** | **Textbook materials** | **Themes and Language Outcomes** | **Grammar Outcomes** | **Online materials, exercises and assessments** |
| 1 | *Guten Tag* (*Lektion 1*)*Hallo!* (BP1) | * Basic greetings in German
* Introducing oneself
* Basic questions and answers
 | * Declarative sentence and Wh-questions (*Aussagesatz, W-Fragen*)
* Alphabets
* Numbers 0-10
* Personal pronouns
* Regular verb conjugations in present tense
 | * Exercises will be on the narrated Powerpoint with necessary instructions and audio tracks.
* Grammar and Reading handouts will be added separately for each week.
* Self-assessment tests will be available for each week’s material.
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| 2 | *Guten Tag!* (*Lektion 1*)*Sprechen Sie* *Deutsch?* (W1)*Hallo!* (BP1) | * Formal and informal questions
* More questions and answers to get know each other
* Dialogues to get to know each other
 | * Numbers 11-100 and upwards
* Recap of question words and conjugations
* Forming formal and informal questions (*Du/Sie*)
* Verb position in questions (yes-no questions, statements)
* Verb conjugation of *sein, haben* in present tense
* Verb conjugations in present tense for those that retain ‘-e’ (*arbeiten, reden*)
 | As above  |
| 3 | *Sprechen Sie Deutsch?* (*Lektion 2*)*Arbeit und Studium* (W1)*Familie und Freizeit* (W1) | * ‘How are you?’
* Languages and nationalities
* Countries
 | * Conjugation of modal verbs: *können, sollen, müssen*
* Verb conjugation in present tense for those with vowel change (*sprechen, nehmen*)
* Negation (*nein, kein)*
 | As above  |
| 4 | *Sprechen Sie Deutsch?* (*Lektion 2*)*Arbeit und Studium* (W1)*Was kostet das?* (BP1)*Essen und Einkaufen* (W1) | * ‘What is this?’
* Speaking about money
* ‘Mine, your, their!’
 | * Articles and gender in nominative case (definitive and indefinitive)
* Possessive articles
* Introduction to Accusative case
 | As above  |
| 5 | *Arbeit und Studium* (*Lektion 3*)  | * Expressing likes and dislikes
* Speaking about studies
* Towns and cities
 | * Modal verb *mögen*; *gern, lieber*
* Use of *Es gibt...*
* Prepositions with accusative
* Verbs in infinitive
* Verb position
 | As above +Self-assessment test |
| 6 | *Arbeit und Studium* (*Lektion 3*)*Ich arbeite bei* (BP1) | * Expressing likes and dislikes (cont.)
* Speaking about jobs and places of work
 | * Use of *sich gefallen*
* Introduction to Dative case
* Verb order (separable and modal verbs)
 | As above  |
| 7 | *Familie und Freizeit* (*Lektion 4*)*Familienleben* (BP1)*Willkommen in Berlin* (BP1) | * Speaking about family, relationships
* Speaking about birthdays
* Speaking of travel; asking and giving directions
 | * Possessive articles (revision)
* Ordinal numbers and dates
* Prepositions with dative
 | As above +Grammar self-assessment quiz  |
| 8 | *Familie und Freizeit* (*Lektion 4*)*Wie spät ist es?* (BP1) | * Speaking about hobbies and activities
* Expressing time
* Writing to a pen-pal
 | * Introductive to reflexive verbs
* Accusative case (cont.)
* Dative and di-transitive verbs
 | As above |
| 9 | *Essen und Einkaufen* (*Lektion 5*)*Was darf’s sein?* (BP1) | * Ordering in a café
* Going grocery shopping
 | * Imperative form
* More modal verbs (*dürfen, wollen*)
* Dative case (cont.)
 | As above |
| 10 | *Essen und Einkaufen* (Lektion 5) | * Types of shops
* Talking about going out
 | * Revision of Stage 1a grammar
 | As above +Self-assessment test |

If students wish, they can also follow the DW Lernen podcast, *Warum Nicht?* The recommended episodes corresponding to each week’s lesson would be 1, 4, 8, 11, 19, 26, 22, 24, 16, 25.

1. *Willkommen 1* is used by tutors on German 1a at the University of Southampton, and is an accessible textbook with English explanations. Students are recommended to purchase a copy; it is available at most online retailers such as: <https://blackwells.co.uk/bookshop/product/Willkommen-1-Coursebook-by-Heiner-Schenke-author-Paul-Coggle-author/9781473672659>.

The audio tracks for the listening exercises in this textbook will be uploaded embedded in the Powerpoint. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *Berliner Platz 1 Neu* is the supplementary textbook (entirely in German) that used on this course; students are not required to purchase the text. The tutor will upload relevant materials used along with the audio track, if necessary. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. This will be made clear before the start of classes on Blackboard. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)