**[Description: University of Southampton home page](http://www.soton.ac.uk/)**

**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. |
| 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)