

German

Syllabus Number

4A113

General Basic Subjects

Elective 2 credit

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1. Course Description

This is an introductory class for German language. The main aim of this class is to build a basis for communication in German by learning basic grammar. Students will be expected to learn greeting, self-introduction, and basic daily conversation for shopping. Another aim of this class is to get to know German history and culture by learning grammar because learning a language is to understand "the way of thinking" of the people living in the country where the language is used. Students will be expected to touch upon the world view and ideas of German people, which are reflected on the language.

The class proceeds with the assigned textbook. It is desirable to attend every class since many important information which are not written in the textbook will be explained in the class. It is above all considered to be important to develop a "feeling for language," or to acquire a sense of language. Accordingly, priority is given, in this class, to acquire the sense and getting used to the grammatical structure of German rather than mere memorization. Group activities such as role playing will be incorporated in the class. It is desirable that students, as a result, get used to the German language to the extent that they remember most of the phrases while practicing.

This course is designed to achieve DP1.

2. Course Objectives

This class will allow students to improve their communication skills that are required in various fields. Students will also be able to develop a wider perspective and deeper understanding of other countries and to gain the ability to respond to international requirements. The ability to think logically will also be gained by analyzing grammatical structures and reading logical sentences.

3. Grading Policy

After having passed two mid-term papers, students must pass the final exam to acquire a credit (100%).

Students will receive feedback with comments when mid-term papers are returned.

Questions about German are welcome anytime.

4. Textbook and Reference

Textbook

三室次雄 『CD付 書き込み式 ドイツ語文法ノートブック』新装版 2,200円(税込2,376円)

ISBN-10: 4384057733

Subtext will be delivered via LMS system.

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5. Requirements(Assignments)

1. Appropriate dictionaries for the beginner will be recommended in the subtext. Some useful internet sites will also be introduced.

2. Developing a "feeling for language" or acquiring a sense of language is considered to be important.

6. Note

7. Schedule

- [1] What is German? / countries where German is used / greeting / alphabet
- [2] Spelling and pronunciation / numeral / self-introduction
- [3] Paradigm / personal pronoun
- [4] "sein" and "haben" / order of words (1)
- [5] Grammatical gender / case / declension
- [6] Case / declension / "kein"
- [7] Plural / how to use personal pronouns
- [8] Demonstrative and possessive pronoun
- [9] Irregular verbs / order of words (2)
- [10] Imperative sentence / "es" as an expletive / "man" as an indefinite pronoun
- [11] Preposition
- [12] Case inflection of adjective
- [13] Separable verb / "zu" infinitive
- [14] Auxiliary verb (Modalverben)
- [15] Review of what was learned in this semester