

Centre for Continuing Education

Beginning German 1

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This course is designed for students who have no prior knowledge of German and wish to achieve basic skills in the German language for the purposes of further study, communication, travel or enjoyment. A major objective will be to develop conversation skills, however, reading and writing skills will be developed concurrently.

Knowledge of the language and culture will be taught using authentic texts and media. The course will focus on the use of German in a diverse range of situations and the cultural aspects of German speaking countries that interest the students most.

Each session will be devoted to certain topics such as everyday life and travel. These topics will be used in teaching language skills (essential vocabulary, sentence structure, conversation). **Please refer to detailed outline attached.**

Required text book (needed by lesson 2 – and which will be used for any continuing German courses later in the year)

***Optimal A1*, published by Langenscheidt (Lehrbuch ONLY - approx. cost \$50, and available from ANU Co-op Bookshop)**

Also, an English-German dictionary is a must for this course (ANU Co-op Bookshop has many sizes available)

Philippa is a German/Australian national and has been teaching foreign languages in Japan, Germany and Italian Switzerland since 1992. She returned to Australia in January 2007 after spending 15 years abroad and is currently teaching German in 2 ACT Colleges.

DATES/TIMES: 6 - 8pm on 10 Wednesdays from 30 July

FEE: \$299

COURSE LOCATION: The venue for this course can be found on your tax invoice/receipt (under "Course Information"). Please allow enough time to locate the venue on the first evening.

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Session 1-3: German countries and communities (Unit 1; Optimal A1)

Introduction of teacher and students
Discussion of course structure and special interests of students regarding topics
Similarities and fundamental differences between German and English
False friends
Saying hello and goodbye
Numbers
Continents, countries and languages
Basic sentence structure
"W" - questions

Session 4-6: On the road in and around Germany (Unit 2)

Getting around
Making requests and suggestions
Asking for and receiving directions
Article and Gender
"Yes/No"-questions
Present Tense, Verbs "sein" and "haben"

Session 7-10: Everyday life in Germany, family, hobbies and work (Units 3-4)

Talking about ourselves: interests, jobs, family and hobbies
Expressing opinions (what I like/dislike)
Numbers, Dates and Time
Cases (nominative, genitive, dative and accusative)
Present Tense, Verbs "sein" and "haben"
→ Time for repetition and questions
→ Completing forms for office use

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