

# Centre for Continuing Education

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## Beginning German 2

*Philippa Hutter-Albrecht*

For those who have completed German 1 or similar study. We will deal with everyday topics and students will broaden their grammar, reading, writing and especially conversational skills. We will be discussing topics of social and cultural interest and current affairs of German speaking countries – Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

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

***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: 5.30-7.30pm on 10 Tuesdays from 29 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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## Sessions 1-2:

Introduction of teacher and students

Discussion of course structure and special interests of students regarding topics. Collecting knowledge: Getting to learn about students' knowledge of German.

Reminder: basic sentence structure, verbs in the present tense. Getting back into conversation.

(Unit 6, Optimal A1): Language Learning Reading and exercises on topics related to "language learning": learner types, learning conditions and environment etc.

## Sessions 3-4:

(Unit 5, Optimal A1): Grocery shopping and restaurants. In a bistro. Buying food. Using numbers, money and measurements. Talking about plans and intentions.

Grammar: modal verbs.

(Unit 6, Optimal A1): Strategies of language learning.

Grammar: modal verbs. Revision of the dative case after verbs and prepositions Separable Verbs

## Sessions 5-7:

(Unit 7, Optimal A1): Travel. Description of a holiday trip. How to ask for means of transportation, distances and other "tourist" information or tell the way, giving advice/recommendations. Talking about past things in German using the perfect tense – "haben" oder "sein". Conversation on a train: Practicing dialogues.

Grammar: the German perfect tense; personal pronouns.

## Sessions 8-9:

(Unit 8, Optimal A1): Housing and Living. Listening to and reading about where and how different people live. Describing the town or place you live in. Colors, furniture and things around the house.

Pronunciation: False Friends of Pronunciation – stress in composite nouns, difficult words

Grammar: the past participle of (in)separable verbs; perfect tense with "sein" or "haben"; past tense (Präteritum) of "haben" and "sein"

## Session 10:

(Unit 9, Optimal A1): Invitations – Cooking – Eating. Inviting and hosting guests. Talking about food, personal tastes, eating, meals etc.

Grammar: personal pronouns (Dativ); possessive pronouns/article; syntax: verbs with accusative and dative objects; comparative of the adjectives "gern(e)" and "gut"

Completing forms for office use

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