

Course Syllabus for GER 1125 Discover German I

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Syllabus Fall 2021

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OFFICE HOURS: Wednesdays 12:50-2:45pm or by appointment, F2F in Dauer 263a or remotely at <https://ufl.zoom.us/j/99165571689?pwd=b3ZjU1k5YVhZMThCOHpsY3lwZ2hRdz09>. In order not to have to wait, schedule an appointment in advance using the above email address.

COURSE WEBSITE: <https://ufl.instructure.com/>, then navigate to GER1125

COURSE COMMUNICATIONS: For any course-related questions, students should check the [Start Here](#) section. In case of problems with the technology tools used in the Canvas course, students should contact the UF Computing Help Desk phone (352) 392 4357 or in the HUB. Private questions should be sent to the instructor through the Canvas Inbox tool (this would include questions about grade, late work, etc.).

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This is the first semester of a two-semester sequence that includes GER 1126. Both courses are online. There are no classroom meetings. The course provides instructional and practice materials in various forms that allow students to learn on their own. Thanks to the collaborative tools in Canvas students will do a considerable part of their course work in groups to which they will be assigned. These groups have weekly assignments and have biweekly synchronous meetings (to be arranged) with their instructor in Zoom for additional practice with speaking and pronunciation. Students must keep the time period indicated in the Registrar's course listing page free for these synchronous meetings with the instructor.

COURSE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: Students will acquire basic skills with German as a language and culture. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to communicate with native speakers, exchange information on a basic level and perform routine tasks as a student or tourist in German speaking countries. They will reach a level of proficiency and cultural knowledge that corresponds approximately to the A1 (Breakthrough or Beginner) Level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. This proficiency level can be described in the following way:

- Students can introduce themselves and others and can ask and answer questions about personal topics.

- Students can communicate and exchange information with German native speakers and interact with them in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.
- Students can read simple and short information about familiar topics.
- Students can orient themselves in situations which occur in the everyday life of a student or tourist in a German speaking country.

TEACHING METHODS: By using a variety of teaching and learning tools of the course management system, students will be provided with the necessary information and opportunities to practice and develop their linguistic/cultural skills with the chapter materials and assignments. The materials and assignments help students develop speaking, reading, listening comprehension and writing skills. Cultural learning takes place through the use of a variety of Web-based learning resources, including biweekly meetings with native-speaker "language coaches" of [LinguaMeeting \(Links to an external site.\)](#), employment of the [German Grammar Cruncher\(Links to an external site.\)](#) online language learning application for grammar writing activities, and using [Avatars for the production of Online Skits](#).

REQUIRED TEXTS AND EQUIPMENT: There is no required text for this course. You MUST have a headset with microphone and a web camera for this course. The cost for such a microphone ranges from \$10.00 - 50.00, and the cost of a web camera is similar. These can be purchased at most electronics stores, online, or at the UF Bookstore.

COURSE POLICIES:

This is a 14-15 week online course. To be successful in this course all students must participate fully in the activities listed here:

- View Mediasite lectures and Captivate introductions to dialogs, grammar, and cultural topics.
- Study the chapter dialog, vocabulary, and grammar topics on the course grammar pages.
- Meet on a biweekly basis with your LinguaMeeting German Coach
- Complete all your group work, including the Online Skits at the end of chapters 2, 3, 4, and 5.
- Take all graded grammar quizzes and chapter tests. Chapter tests will be proctored with Honorlock.
- Make sure you familiarize yourself thoroughly with the dialog and vocabulary, and studied the grammatical structures, before you meet with your group for your group activities. Participate in all meetings with your group partners. Successful completion of this course depends to a high degree on the productive collaboration of the groups. It is very important that group members can rely on the constructive and timely cooperation of other group members.
- Each week students will be required to complete a set of assignments. All assignments are listed in the Course Calendar with specific availability and

due dates. You may view all deadlines in list format through the Syllabus tab in Canvas.

Late Work

As a rule, unless a student has a medical excuse or a confirmed family emergency with documentation from the Dean of Students Office, late assignments, quizzes and tests will not be accepted.

Any technical difficulties with assignments must have a Help Desk ticket number if you plan to request an extension. The extension request MUST be submitted within 24 hours of the technical difficulty.

COURSE TECHNOLOGY: Course work will require use of a computer and a stable broadband connection to the Internet.

For additional information on UF College of Liberal Arts and Sciences policy regarding computer requirements you can visit: <http://it.clas.ufl.edu/policies/student-computer-requirement/> (Links to an external site.) For additional information on UF Online policy regarding computer requirements you can visit: <http://ufonline.ufl.edu/resources/computer-requirements/> (Links to an external site.)

Students are required to have speakers, a microphone, and a webcam to take the proctored exams and to participate in the group activities and instructor meetings.

GRADING POLICIES:

See <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx> for general UF grading policies. Grades for the course will be based on the following:

GRADE PERCENTAGES:

Grammar Quizzes: 10%

Chapter Tests: 25%

LinguaMeeting Language Coaching: 10%

Synchronous Meetings with Instructor: 15%

Group Activities (including Online Skits and Comments): 30%

Final Exam: 10%

GRADING SCALE:

Grading Scale (& GPA equivalent):

A 100-93 (4.0)

A- 92-90 (3.67)

B+ 89-87 (3.33)

B 86- 83 (3.0)

B- 82-80 (2.67)

C+ 79-77(2.33)

C 76- 73 (2.0)

C- 72-70 (1.67)

D+ 69-67 (1.33)

D 63- 66 (1.0)

D- 62-60 (0.67)

E 59-(0)

QUIZZES AND TESTS: There are practice-grammar quizzes and graded grammar quizzes. The practice grammar quizzes can be taken as many times as you would like. The correct answers will be available upon completion of the quiz. The 5 Chapter Tests and Final Exam are proctored via [Honorlock \(Links to an external site.\)](#) and available for a designated period of time during which students must take them.

Further details are available in the Start Here section of the course page in Canvas. It is the students' responsibility to begin the written tests early enough that they can finish the test within the scheduled time.

WEEKLY GROUP ASSIGNMENTS: These assignments have a variety of tasks. They include recording recitations of the dialogs of each chapter, asking questions about the dialogs, grammar writing exercises using the German Grammar Cruncher, occasional short conversations between the group members about diverse topics, and brief cultural presentations using PowerPoint. Group members will use Zoom to record their weekly groupwork, and upload both the link to the recording as well as the associated Google Docs worksheet, following instructions that will be given.

BIWEEKLY INSTRUCTOR MEETINGS: Your group will meet with your instructor once every two weeks using the Conferences tool in Canvas. The meeting time will be set during the two-hour block that has been assigned to your section.

PROCTORED EXAMS: Chapter exams and the final written exam is set up to be proctored with Honorlock. The Honorlock tab can be located on the left side of the Canvas screen in the course menu. To take the proctored exams:

- You will need a webcam and some type of speakers and microphone.
- No sign up necessary with HonorLock but students are responsible to schedule taking their exam before the due date/time.
- You will also be required to show picture identification to your proctor at the time of your exam. Approved forms of identification include, but are not limited to, a driver's license, military

identification card, passport, or school-issued identification card. • No breaks are allowed during your testing session and cell phones and other devices will not be permitted in the testing area. • No other people are allowed in the area in which the test is being taken. • Any unauthorized notes or other attempts to cheat will abort the test session and will be reported to your instructor.

UF POLICIES:

UNIVERSITY POLICY ON ACCOMMODATING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

STUDENTS REQUESTING ACCOMMODATION FOR DISABILITIES MUST FIRST REGISTER WITH THE DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE ([HTTP://WWW.DSO.UFL.EDU/DRC/](http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/) (Links to an external site.)). THE DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE WILL PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION TO THE STUDENT WHO MUST THEN PROVIDE THIS DOCUMENTATION TO THE INSTRUCTOR WHEN REQUESTING ACCOMMODATION. YOU MUST SUBMIT THIS DOCUMENTATION PRIOR TO SUBMITTING ASSIGNMENTS OR TAKING THE QUIZZES OR EXAMS. ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NOT RETROACTIVE, THEREFORE, STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT THE OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN THE TERM FOR WHICH THEY ARE SEEKING ACCOMMODATIONS.

UNIVERSITY POLICY ON ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT: Academic honesty and integrity are fundamental values of the University community. Students should be sure that they understand the UF Student Honor Code at <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/students.php> (Links to an external site.)

NETIQUETTE & COMMUNICATION COURTESY: All members of the class are expected to follow rules of common courtesy in all meetings, group activities and email

messages: [NetiquetteGuideforOnlineCourses.pdf](#)

UFONLINE HANDBOOK: Additional information can be found on <http://handbook.uonline.ufl.edu/> (Links to an external site.)

GETTING HELP: For issues with technical difficulties for E-learning, please contact the UF Help Desk at: • helpdesk@ufl.edu • (352) 392-HELP - select option 2 • <http://helpdesk.ufl.edu/> (Links to an external site.) Any requests for make-ups due to technical issues MUST be accompanied by the ticket number received from The Help Desk when the problem was reported to them. The ticket number will document the time and date of the problem. You MUST email your instructor within 24 hours of the technical difficulty if you wish to request a make-up.

OTHER RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE

AT [HTTP://WWW.DISTANCE.UFL.EDU/GETTING-HELP](http://www.distance.ufl.edu/getting-help) (Links to an external site.)

FOR: • Counseling and Wellness resources • Disability resources • Resources for handling student concerns and complaints • Library Help Desk support

Should you have any complaints with your experience in this course please visit <http://www.distance.ufl.edu/student-complaints> (Links to an external site.) to submit a complaint.

Course Summary:

Date	Details
Fri Aug 27, 2021	Assignment Cognates Quiz
	Assignment Typing Quiz
Thu Sep 2, 2021	Assignment Instructor Meeting 1 Week 2
	Assignment 'haben' Practice Quiz
	Assignment 'sein' Practice Quiz
Fri Sep 3, 2021	Assignment Colors Quiz
	Assignment Geography Quiz
	Assignment Introduction to Weather
Sun Sep 5, 2021	Assignment Gruppenarbeit Kapitel 1 Woche 2
	Assignment Kapitel 1 Introduce yourself and your Avatar-Image to the Class
Mon Sep 6, 2021	Assignment Kapitel 1 Test
	Assignment Articles - Accusative Practice Quiz
	Assignment Articles - Nominative Practice Quiz
Fri Sep 10, 2021	Assignment Articles Quiz
	Assignment Articles-Nominative and Accusative Practice Quiz 1

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Assignment [Articles-Nominative and Accusative Practice Quiz 2](#)

Assignment [Articles-Nominative and Accusative Practice Quiz 3](#)

Assignment [Articles-Nominative and Accusative Practice Quiz 4](#)

Assignment [Articles-Nominative and Accusative Practice Quiz 5](#)

Assignment [Asking Questions – Practice Quiz 1](#)

Assignment [Asking Questions – Practice Quiz 2](#)

Assignment [Asking Questions – Practice Quiz 3](#)

Assignment [Pronouns Dialog Practice Quiz 1](#)

Assignment [Pronouns Dialog Practice Quiz 2](#)

Assignment [Pronouns – Practice Quiz 1](#)

Assignment [Pronouns – Practice Quiz 2](#)

Assignment [Pronouns – Practice Quiz 3](#)

Assignment [Pronouns – Pronouns and Articles Practice Quiz](#)

Assignment [Questions Quiz](#)

Assignment [Replace Nouns with Pronouns Quiz](#)

Sun Sep 12, 2021

Assignment [Gruppenarbeit Kapitel 2 Woche 3](#)

Thu Sep 16, 2021

Assignment [Instructor Meeting 2 Week 4](#)

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Assignment [Predicate Nominative Quiz #2](#)

Assignment [Predicate Nominative – Practice Quiz](#)

Assignment [Prefixes Quiz](#)

Assignment [Sein/haben Quiz](#)

Assignment [Separable Prefixes – Practice Quiz 1](#)

Assignment [Separable Prefixes – Practice Quiz 2](#)

Assignment [Strong Verbs Quiz](#)

Assignment [Strong Verbs Quiz \(Matching and Multiple Choice\)](#)

Fri Sep 17, 2021

Assignment [Strong Verbs – Matching Verb Forms \(fahren\) Practice Quiz](#)

Assignment [Strong Verbs – Matching Verb Forms \(nehmen\) Practice Quiz](#)

Assignment [Strong Verbs – Matching Verb Forms \(sehen\) Practice Quiz](#)

Assignment [Strong Verbs – Practice Quiz 1](#)

Assignment [Strong Verbs – Practice Quiz 2](#)

Assignment [Strong Verbs – Translating Sentences Practice Quiz](#)

Assignment [Translate Verbal Expressions Quiz](#)

Assignment [Verbs and Conjugation – sein/haben Practice Quiz 1](#)

Assignment [Verbs and Conjugation – sein/haben Practice Quiz 2](#)

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	Assignment Verbs and Conjugation – sein/haben Practice Quiz 3
	Assignment Weak Verbs Quiz
	Assignment Weak Verbs – Practice Quiz 1
	Assignment Weak Verbs – Practice Quiz 2
Sun Sep 19, 2021	Assignment Gruppenarbeit Kapitel 2 Woche 4
Fri Sep 24, 2021	Assignment Word Order Practice Quiz 2
	Assignment Word Order – Practice Quiz 1
	Assignment Gruppenarbeit Kapitel 2 Woche 5
Sun Sep 26, 2021	Assignment Kapitel 2 Online Skits Presentation & Comments
	Assignment Online Skit for Kapitel 2
Mon Sep 27, 2021	Assignment Kapitel 2 Test
Thu Sep 30, 2021	Assignment Instructor Meeting 3 Week 6
	Assignment Asking Politely – Practice Quiz
	Assignment Dative Case - Dative Nouns and Articles Practice Quiz
Fri Oct 1, 2021	Assignment Dative Case - Dative Pronouns Practice Quiz 1
	Assignment Dative Case - Dative Pronouns Practice Quiz 2
	Assignment Dative Case - Dative Verbs Practice Quiz

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Assignment [Dative Case - Dative Verbs Translation Practice](#)

Assignment [Dative Case – Nouns to Pronouns Practice Quiz](#)

Assignment [Dative Quiz](#)

Assignment [Imperative Quiz](#)

Assignment [Negation Quiz 3](#)

Assignment [Negation – Practice Quiz 1](#)

Assignment [Negation – Practice Quiz 2](#)

Sun Oct 3, 2021

Assignment [Gruppenarbeit Kapitel 3 Woche 6](#)

Assignment [Final Word Order Quiz](#)

Assignment [Modal Verbs 1 Present and Past Tenses Practice Quiz](#)

Assignment [Modal Verbs 2 Present Tense and Mixed Practice Quiz](#)

Assignment [Modal Verbs Quiz](#)

Fri Oct 8, 2021

Assignment [Modal Verbs – Practice Quiz 1](#)

Assignment [Modal Verbs – Practice Quiz 2](#)

Assignment [Modal Verbs – Practice Quiz 3](#)

Assignment [Modal Verbs – Practice Quiz 4](#)

Assignment [Past Tenses of Haben and Sein – Practice Quiz 1](#)

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	Assignment Past Tenses of Haben and Sein – Practice Quiz 2
	Assignment Past/Perfect Haben/Sein Quiz
	Assignment Perfect Tense Quiz
	Assignment Verb Perfect Tense – Practice Quiz 1
	Assignment Verb Perfect Tense – Practice Quiz 2
	Assignment Verb Perfect Tense – Practice Quiz 3
	Assignment Word Order - Practice Quiz 2
	Assignment Word Order - Practice Quiz 3
	Assignment Word Order - Practice Quiz 4
	Assignment Word Order – Practice Quiz 1
Sun Oct 10, 2021	Assignment Gruppenarbeit Kapitel 3 Woche 7
Thu Oct 14, 2021	Assignment Instructor Meeting 4 Week 8
	Assignment Gruppenarbeit Kapitel 3 Woche 8
Sun Oct 17, 2021	Assignment Kapitel 3 Online Skits Presentation & Comments
	Assignment Online Skit for Kapitel 3
Mon Oct 18, 2021	Assignment Kapitel 3 Test
Fri Oct 22, 2021	Assignment Special Verbs Quiz 3

Date	Details
	Assignment Special Verbs – Practice Quiz 1
	Assignment Special Verbs – Practice Quiz 2
	Assignment Wissen/Kennen Quiz 3
	Assignment Wissen/Kennen – Practice Quiz 1
	Assignment Wissen/Kennen – Practice Quiz 2
Sun Oct 24, 2021	Assignment Gruppenarbeit Kapitel 4 Woche 9
Thu Oct 28, 2021	Assignment Instructor Meeting 5 Week 10
	Assignment Accusative Prepositions - Practice Quiz 1
	Assignment Accusative Prepositions - Practice Quiz 2
	Assignment Accusative Prepositions - Practice Quiz 3
	Assignment Accusative Prepositions - Practice Quiz 4
Fri Oct 29, 2021	Assignment Genitive - Practice Quiz 1
	Assignment Genitive - Practice Quiz 2
	Assignment Genitive Quiz 3
	Assignment Possessives - Practice Quiz 1
	Assignment Possessives - Practice Quiz 2
	Assignment Possessives - Practice Quiz 3

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	Assignment Possessives Quiz 4
Sun Oct 31, 2021	Assignment Gruppenarbeit Kapitel 4 Woche 10
	Assignment Dative Prepositions - Practice Quiz 1
	Assignment Dative Prepositions - Practice Quiz 2
Fri Nov 5, 2021	Assignment Dative Prepositions - Practice Quiz 3
	Assignment Reflexives Quiz 1
	Assignment Reflexives Quiz 2
	Assignment Gruppenarbeit Kapitel 4 Woche 11
Sun Nov 7, 2021	Assignment Kapitel 4 Online Skits Presentation & Comments
	Assignment Online Skit for Kapitel 4
Mon Nov 8, 2021	Assignment Kapitel 4 Test
	Assignment da-wo Compounds - Practice Quiz 1
	Assignment da-wo Compounds - Practice Quiz 2
Fri Nov 12, 2021	Assignment Prepositional Complements Quiz 1
	Assignment Prepositional Complements Quiz 2
	Assignment Prepositional Complements Quiz 3
Sun Nov 14, 2021	Assignment Gruppenarbeit Kapitel 5 Woche 12

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	Assignment Interrogatives - Practice Quiz 1
	Assignment Interrogatives - Practice Quiz 2
	Assignment Interrogatives - Practice Quiz 3
	Assignment Interrogatives - Practice Quiz 4
	Assignment Interrogatives - Practice Quiz 5
	Assignment Interrogatives - Practice Quiz 6
Fri Nov 19, 2021	Assignment Two-Way Prepositions Practice Quiz 1
	Assignment Two-Way Prepositions Practice Quiz 2
	Assignment Verb Meaning - Practice Quiz 1
	Assignment Verb Meaning - Practice Quiz 2
	Assignment Verb Meaning - Practice Quiz 3
	Assignment Wie? Wie viele? Wie viel? Practice Quiz
Sun Nov 21, 2021	Assignment Gruppenarbeit Kapitel 5 Woche 13
Thu Dec 2, 2021	Assignment Instructor Meeting 7 Week 14
	Assignment Demonstratives Practice Quiz 1
Fri Dec 3, 2021	Assignment Demonstratives Practice Quiz 2
	Assignment Passive Voice Practice Quiz 1

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Assignment [Passive Voice Practice Quiz 2](#)

Assignment [Passive Voice Practice Quiz 3](#)

Assignment [Final Passive Voice Quiz](#)

Assignment [SONGS Initiative Extra-Credit Opportunities](#)

Assignment [Demonstratives Quiz](#)

Sun Dec 5, 2021

Assignment [Gruppenarbeit Kapitel 5 Woche 14](#)

Assignment [Kapitel 5 Online Skits Presentation & Comments](#)

Assignment [Online Skit for Kapitel 5](#)

Thu Dec 16, 2021

Assignment [Final Exam](#)

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Assignments are weighted by group:
