

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Elementary German I

Course #: GER 101

Course Description: 3 credits

In this course, you will study the basic foundations of the German language. Emphasis will be placed on vocabulary, sentence structure, and conversation. Besides language, we will also periodically investigate German culture and history and its connection to language development. As this is a skill-developing course, a strong work ethic is important in this course, but you also need to be a little fearless.

Pre-requisite: Eligible for ENG 101

Goals:

- To achieve a basic comprehension of the study of languages in general and German in particular
- To participate in basic conversations
- To develop the courage to speak in public
- To begin to grasp the complexities of written German
- To recognize the diverse traditions within the German-speaking world

Outcomes: By then end of the semester, students should be able to accomplish the following:

- Define the basic structures of English grammar and how they apply to German.
 - Students will recognize the parts of speech and the parts of a sentence
- Assemble a basic vocabulary and apply it to written and spoken work
- Learn basic greetings, questions, and how to articulate preferences
- Distinguish the differences between formal and informal speech/writing
 - *Du vs. Sie*
- Analyze and use Germanic grammatical concepts such as separable-prefix verbs
- Identify and use important German verbs such as *haben, sein, werden, wissen, and kennen*
- Apply interrogative pronoun *wo* to ask questions
- Distinguish the differences between nominative and accusative cases
- Greet each other, tell time, repeat the alphabet, and translate numbers from English into German