

German course content

German 111: (Textbook - Wie geht's 10th edition)

Greetings, weather, telling time, present tense conjugation, the nominative, dative and accusative cases, prepositions, present perfect, imperatives, wissen vs. kennen, der- and ein-words

Culture: addressing people with du vs. Sie, American descendants of Germany, Germany and the EU, German celebrations, wines from German-speaking countries, traveling within Germany

Regional studies: Frankfurt am Main, Regensburg, Vienna, Luxembourg **What students can do after German 111:**

- I can appropriately greet/say farewell and introduce myself, talk about myself and others in the present and the present perfect tenses.
- I can ask and answer questions about preferences and dislikes.
- I can purchase groceries in a German-speaking country with basic requests and wishes.
- I can order food and drinks in a German-speaking restaurant.
- I can discuss planning and attending a party with others.
- I can inquire about the way to landmarks in German-speaking cities.
- I can conduct simple transactions at a bank and book a hotel.
- I can talk about how I am doing and ask others.
- I can ask and answer simple questions about my habits and activity preferences.
- I can discuss time, weather, months, seasons, and birthdates.

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The genitive case, preceded and unpreceded adjectives, infinitives with zu, Future I, prepositional verbs and da- /wo-compounds, simple past, comparative and superlative, past perfect, coordinating and subordinating conjunctions, Subjunctive II, indirect speech, the passive voice

Culture: Traveling by train and car in German-speaking countries, telephone etiquette, German literature, German film, television and theater, love and marriage, fairy tales, Gender bias in German work culture, *Gastarbeiter* ("guest workers"), studying and working in Germany

Regional studies: Switzerland, Berlin, Weimar

What students can do after German 112:

- I can name and discuss body parts and physical ailments.
- I can purchase travel tickets and travel through German-speaking countries.
- I can talk about my hobbies.
- I can talk about my professional plans and job prospects.
- I can discuss unreal scenarios, wishes and make polite requests.
- I can talk about the future.
- I can read and understand German short stories, poems and literary excerpts.

German 115: (Textbook: *Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik 5th edition*)

Grammar review of the grammatical case, the present, perfect, and simple past tenses; review of adjective endings, comparative and superlative, and prepositions

Culture: German culture today and multiculturalism; Germans' views of the United States; fairy tales; German history

What students can do after 115:

I know and can use most of the 500 most common German words correctly.

I can confidently hold a short conversation on simple subjects.

I can answer questions on why I'm learning German, what I like to do in my free time, which subjects I'm taking at ISU, and other general matters.

What students can do after 115:

I can read original German texts of up to 3 pages in length and on a variety of subjects when given appropriate help.

I can discuss issues like Germans' love-hate relationship with America and Americans.

I can write my own short fairy tale and discuss what elements a fairy tale needs to have.

I can perform basic analysis of German texts and films.

I can understand and appreciate German popular culture.

German 116: (Textbook: *Handbuch zur deutschen Grammatik 5th edition*)

Review of relative pronouns and clauses, infinitive constructions and clauses, the passive voice, the subjunctive, and nominalized adjectives.

Culture: German history from 1945 to the present

What students can do after 116:

I know and can correctly use many of the 1000 most common German words. I can read original German short stories when given appropriate help.

I can discuss the history of West and East Germany.

I can read an entire play in German when given appropriate help.

I can give the complicated reasons why I like or dislike something. I can discuss hypothetical situations.