



GERMAN - I

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TYPE OF COURSE : Rerun | Elective | UG

COURSE DURATION : 12 weeks (26 July' 21 - 15 Oct' 21)

EXAM DATE : 23 Oct 2021

PRE-REQUISITES : Nil.

INTENDED AUDIENCE : Anyone interested in learning elementary German

INDUSTRIES APPLICABLE TO : Companies / Organisations / Individuals having business /work with Germany, Austria and/or Switzerland

COURSE OUTLINE :

German I is meant to be an introduction to the German language and a basic orientation towards Germany (and to some extent Austria and Switzerland). Learning to understand and articulate oneself in day to day real life situations, and to begin to make sense of Germany as a cultural space are the overall objectives of the course. Serious learners should be able to grasp the basic sentence structure and build a good foundational vocabulary through this course.

ABOUT INSTRUCTOR :

Prof. Milind Brahme has an MA, M Phil and a PhD in German language and literature from the Centre of German Studies, JNU. He has been on the faculty of IIT Madras since 2003, and has more than 25 years of experience of teaching German language and literature in diverse situations and contexts.

COURSE PLAN :

Week 1: Themes: Introducing oneself and others; Grammar

Week 2: Themes: hobbies, the week, numbers, the alphabet, months, seasons /Grammar

Week 3: Theme: In the city / naming places and buildings, means of transport, basic directions / Grammar

Week 4: Themes: food, drink, family / groceries and meals / Grammar

Week 5: Theme: Everyday life, telling time, making appointments / Grammar

Week 6: Leisure activity, celebrations / Grammar

Week 7: Contacts, writing letters / Grammar

Week 8: My apartment, rooms, furniture, colours / Grammar

Week 9: Professions / Grammar

Week 10: Clothes / Grammar: perfect tense and dative

Week 11: Health and the body / Grammar

Week 12: Holiday and weather