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A1 German course

1st part of German Language I (*Lettorato* – Annual course) and 1st part of A2 German *idoneità*

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Information about the course structure, contents and final exam

The course is aimed at students WITHOUT basic knowledge of German.

End-of-Course certifications

- Foreign language *idoneità* are recorded into your transcript of records starting from level A2. **A1 final examination is therefore NOT recognised as a German Language *idoneità*.**
- Students who pass their final exam will be awarded with a digital Open Badge, certifying the achievement of the A1 level in German, in respect of the European Framework of References for Languages.

Course structure

The German A1 course is a blended course: in addition to the face-to-face lectures, the students carry out activities on the Moodle platform. At the beginning of the course the teacher will give the students the enrolment password and will explain how to work autonomously on Moodle.

Objectives

The course aims to provide basic knowledge of vocabulary, grammar, syntax and cultural concepts of German-speaking countries. At the end of the course, the student will be able to engage in simple conversation with people who speak slowly and clearly; to understand and use everyday expressions, e.g. for information about themselves, their families, shopping, work, surroundings; to introduce themselves and others, to ask other people questions about aspects of everyday life.

Course contents and final exam

The course introduces and allows to carry out the language knowledge in written and oral skills through listening exercises, dialogues, reading and writing simple texts and grammar exercises, in particular:

declension of the nominative group

- gender and plural of nouns
- definite and indefinite article in nominative, accusative and dative
- negative article *kein* in nominative, accusative and dative
- personal and possessive pronouns in nominative, accusative and dative

verb conjugation and tenses

- present and perfect indicative
- regular and irregular verbs
- modal verbs
- separable verbs
- past participle of the most frequent verbs
- imperative

prepositions

- with accusative or dative: *Wechselpräpositionen*

numbers, date, time

syntax elements

- affirmative and interrogative propositions
- coordinating conjunctions: *und, oder, aber, sondern, denn; deshalb*; adverbs: *deshalb, dann*

The **final exam** tests the programme covered and consists of the following parts:

- grammar and vocabulary (without dictionary)
- listening (without dictionary)

- short writing test (paper dictionary permitted)
- reading comprehension (paper dictionary permitted)

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Grammatik/grammar book suggested for Italian native speakers: M. Weerning, M. Mondello: *Dies und Das neu, Grammatica di tedesco con esercizi*. Cideb; Torino, 2004. ISBN: 978-88-530-0216-7.

Kursbuch/textbook: it will be communicated to students enrolled in the course; please, see also SIGIL, the course enrolment platform.

Vocabulary A1

- Glossary in thematic order

A1.1 Italienisch:

https://www.telc.net/fileadmin/user_upload/Downloads_Verlag/Auf_jeden_Fall/Wortschatzlisten/Auf_jeden_Fall_A1.1_Wortschatzliste_Italienisch.pdf

A1.1 English:

https://www.telc.net/fileadmin/user_upload/Downloads_Verlag/Auf_jeden_Fall/Wortschatzlisten/Auf_jeden_Fall_A1.1_Wortschatzliste_Englisch.pdf

A1.2 Italienisch:

https://www.telc.net/fileadmin/user_upload/Downloads_Verlag/Auf_jeden_Fall/Wortschatzlisten/Auf_jeden_Fall_A1.2_Wortschatzliste_Italienisch.pdf

A1.2 English

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