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B2 German course (code: L99966)

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Information on course programme, bibliography, final examination

Preliminary knowledge required: B1 level.

It is advisable to take a diagnostic test, e.g.

<https://learngerman.dw.com/de/placementDashboard>

<https://www.cornelsen.de/empfehlungen/sprachtest/deutsch-als-fremdsprache>

Course structure

The B2 German *idoneità* course is a blended course: in addition to classroom lessons, 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 is oriented towards the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. At level B2 students can grasp the essential points of complex texts and understand concrete and abstract topics; they are also able to understand technical conversations relating to their field of specialisation. Furthermore, they can handle normal conversation with native speakers and express their opinion on a wide range of topics, explain their point of view on topical issues, and indicate advantages and disadvantages of different options.

Contents

Further development of grammatical structures and vocabulary for an independent use of language is explored in depth, through the reading of contemporary texts, listening to and

watching audio and video excerpts, dialogues, composition of short texts and exercises on grammatical and syntactic topics, in particular on:

- *Konjunktiv I* and indirect discourse
- passive: with modal verbs, without subject, alternative forms
- suppositions (future, modal verbs, adverbs)
- constructions and participial propositions, modal propositions
- position of elements in the sentence, in particular the position of *nicht*
- word formation (composition and derivation)
- transformation from subordinate clauses into prepositional constructions and vice versa (*Nominal- und Verbalkonstruktion*)

Final Exam

The B2 German *idoneità* examination at the end of the course aims to evaluate the knowledge of vocabulary and fundamental grammatical and syntactic structures in everyday situations, practised during the course and it corresponds to the level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR:

<https://www.goethe.de/ins/it/it/spr/kon/stu.html>).

It consists of the following **parts**:

- grammatical structures and vocabulary test (without dictionary)
- listening test (without dictionary)
- comprehension of a written text (a paper dictionary is permitted)
- writing (a paper dictionary is permitted); *criteria*: a) content and structure of the written text; b) mastering of vocabulary and choice of expressions; c) correctness of grammatical, syntactic and spelling structures.

Information about the date, the time, the place and the ENROLMENT link for the next exam session are published on the CLA website: <https://www.cla.unisi.it/en/courses/german>.

Please note: Enrolment in the exam is compulsory to be able to record it in your university transcript of records and to request a CLA certificate. Language proficiency exams (*idoneità*) only award credits (CFU), without a mark out of thirty.

Students who pass the exam will receive a digital **Open Badge**, certifying the achievement of level B2 in German, in reference to the CEFR.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Grammar:

Hering, Axel; Matussek, Magdalena; Perlmann-Balme, Michaela: **em-Übungsgrammatik**, Hueber; ISBN 978-3-19-001657-0.

Texts: articles about current topics with audio and/or video files will be available at the beginning of the course.

Vocabulary B2:

- German for work:

https://www.telc.net/fileadmin/user_upload/Downloads_Verlag/Einfach_besser_100_400_500/Wortschatzlisten/Einfach_besser_400_Wortschatzliste_Deutsch.pdf

- Vocabulary for Goethe-Institut B2 Zertifikat

https://www.goethe.de/resources/files/pdf209/dtz_wortliste.pdf

Suggestions for further grammar and vocabulary:

- Jaager Grassi Gisela: *Grammatica tedesca. Esercizi con soluzioni*; Hoepli, Milan, 2008, ISBN: 978 88 203 3945 6 (in Italian).
- Jaager Grassi Gisela: *Grammatica tedesca. Manuale di morfologia ed elementi di sintassi*; Hoepli, Milan, 2005. ISBN: 978-88-203-3508-3 (in Italian).
- Billina Anneli, Techmer Marion, Geiger Susanne: *Wortschatz & Grammatik B2*, Hueber, Buch: ISBN 978-3-19-427493-8, pdf-Download: ISBN 978-3-19-447493-2.