

Goal:

This course serves as the foundation for the development of student proficiency in the language. Emphasis is given both to developing the basic language skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing, and to introducing the student to the culture and daily living practices of native speakers of German.

Essential Coursework:

A. Vocabulary to be covered will include, but is not limited to:

- Greetings, Farewells and Introductions
- School Subjects and Supplies
- Numbers and Telling Time
- Calendar – Months, Giving the Date and Seasons
- Weather and Temperature
- Family and basic Personal Adjectives
- Pets/ Basic Animals
- Colors
- Sports and Free Time Activities
- Food and Drink

B. Grammar concepts to be covered will include, but are not limited to:

- Gender of Nouns
- Nominative and Accusative Case of Nouns
- Noun Plurals
- Definite and Indefinite Articles- Nominative and Accusative
- The Familiar, Plural and Formal Forms of “You”
- Possessive Adjectives- Mein, Dein
- Nominative and Accusative Pronouns
- Nominative Pronoun Replacement
- Regular and Irregular Verb Conjugations
- Modal Verbs
- Present and Future Tenses
- Interrogatives and Question Formation
- Word Order and Verb Second Position (VSP)
- Wer?, Wen? and Was?
- Negation
- Zu Hause and Nach Hause

C. Culture concepts to be covered, but are not limited to:

- European Geography
- States and Capitals of Germany
- German-Speaking Countries and People
- Neighboring Countries (and Languages) of Germany
- Distinguishing between Familiar and Formal Situations
- German Schools, Typical School Day, Courses and Grading
- Holidays and Special Celebrations/Customs-
 - Oktoberfest, Nikolaustag, Karneval/Fasching
- Currency – The Euro
- Leisure Time Activities
- Foods and the Culture of Eating