

Routledge Intensive German Course

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How to use this course

This German language course is intended primarily for those students with no prior knowledge of the language. It is also suitable for those who have studied German to a basic level in the past, but whose knowledge is 'rusty'. It is not a self-study course but requires teacher support. It is appropriate for students following 'mainstream' language programmes at University or those on institution-wide language courses.

The course covers a range of themes and situations which are typical of language courses aimed at beginners: meeting and greeting; finding your way around; making travel arrangements; arranging accommodation and eating out. It also contains sections which focus on health and leisure, student life, and careers preparation and job interviews. It has enough material for at least one year's work, assuming a total student study time of about 5 hours per week over a 25-week period.

Each chapter follows a standard sequence of dialogues and texts with exploitation exercises, a grammar section and a 'Language in Use' section to test knowledge of the structures covered.

Most of the dialogues and texts are also recorded for use as aural comprehension exercises, and these and additional recorded materials are available on the CD which accompanies the course. The texts used are topical and intended to give an insight into various aspects of German life.

The uniform structure throughout the book will facilitate familiarisation with the material, and acquisition of the key grammatical structures of the German language. The course thus provides a very solid basis for further study.

As the course progresses so does the number of texts designed to reinforce understanding of the written language. Some of these are quite complex, and are not intended to be understood fully, but to encourage gist reading. The course is quite fast moving, but there is a sufficient variety of material in each of the chapters to meet the needs of learners moving at different speeds.

The course also contains the following reference sections:

- Glossary of grammatical terms
- German grammar
- German-English vocabulary
- English-German vocabulary