Course Outline

Objectives

Building upon the foundation of the German 2 module, this module focuses on the development of your ability to communicate on fairly complex topics of general interests. It will continue to adopt an integrated approach to language learning and cultivate your proficiency in all areas of language learning, including your learning competence. Strategies to be developed include writing and speaking strategies such as brainstorming, arranging ideas and collecting linguistic expressions prior to writing or speaking tasks.

Course Structure

There will be 12 weeks of lecture, starting 21 Aug 2005, and 11 weeks of tutorials, beginning one week after the first lecture, i.e. 28 Aug 2005. **Attendance of both lectures and the tutorial is compulsory.**

Evaluation:

This module is graded based on 100% Continuous Assessment (CA) of the students’ written work, oral performance, tests as well as class participation and participation in the discussion forum.

Textbooks: (compulsory)

Dictionary:

A dictionary is definitely a must in this module. We recommend the following German-German dictionary:


Course Content: (Eurolingua 2, Einheit 1 to Einheit 12)

TOPICS/COMMUNICATIVE SITUATIONS
- Semester/Vacation/Overseas Trips
- Adult education in Germany
- Lifelong Learning
- Interview with a German Language Teacher
- Our Memory
- Talking about One’s Own Learning Habits and Preferences
- Interviews with German Learners and Teachers
- Parts of the Body
- Talking about Illnesses and Locating Pain
- Visiting the Doctor’s
- Health Advice
- Travel and Vacation
- Souvenirs from Trips
- Talking about Advantages and Disadvantages
- Taking a Train/Asking for Rail Information
- Kinds of Accommodations/Living Conditions
- Looking for an Apartment/House
- Furnishing and Apartment/House
- Famous and Popular Fairy Tales
- Literary Texts
- The Alpine Region
- Geographical Landscapes in Germany
- Mountain Hiking in the Alps
- Expressing and Comparing opinions
- Breakfast in Germany and Elsewhere
- Writing E-Mails and Personal Letters
- Role Play and Sketches
- Describing People and Things
- Lost and Found
- Men and Women of Your Dreams
- Fashion and Beauty
- Shopping for Clothes
- The Story of Jeans
- German Language Newspapers
- Reading Habits and Styles
- Sections and Advertisements in Newspapers
- New Year’s Eve & New Year Resolutions
- Talking about the Future
GRAMMAR
- Revision of Present Perfect Tense
- Revision of Simple Past Tense of *sein, haben* and *Modalverben*
- Subordinate Clauses with *weil*
- Sentences with *zu + Infinitiv*
- Simple Past Tense of Regular Verbs
- Indirect Speech and Indirect Answers
- Subordinating Conjunctions and Subordinate Clauses
- The Verb *wissen* (Present Tense)
- Dative Case
- Personal and Possessive Pronouns in Dative
- The verb *wissen* (Simple Past Tense)

- Direct/Indirect Object
- Indirect Speech and Indirect Questions
- *Wechselpräpositionen* (Two-way prepositions)
- Dative Complements
- Simple Past Tense of Irregular Verbs
- Applying Conjunctions and Subordinating Conjunctions
- Self-Correction of Errors
- Indefinite Pronouns
- Conditional Clauses
- Adjectives and Attributes
- Declension of Adjectives (with Definite and Indefinite Articles)
- Declension of Adjectives (without Articles)

- Genitive Case
- Genitive Prepositions

- Reflexive pronouns
- *darin, daraus, davon ...