LAG3202
German 4

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Module Objectives

Students will be taught to comprehend longer listening and reading texts on more complex topics of general interest as well as on aspects of German culture, society and life. They will also acquire the ability to express their views and communicate meaningfully on the same topics at greater length. In the area of grammar and vocabulary, the focus will shift more towards textlinguistic and pragmatic features. Language learning skills and strategies will include recognising and applying common sociolinguistic norms in the use of the language.

Module Structure

The five hours weekly for the module will be divided into 2 Lectures (1 hr 35 min each) and 1 Tutorial (1 hr 35 min). Attendance is compulsory for both lectures and tutorials.

- Lectures

During the lectures, the students will be introduced to topics of study as well as new grammatical aspects. The emphasis will be on developing listening, speaking, reading and writing skills as well as on retention and application of newly acquired linguistic structures. The lessons will be based on the textbook “studio d B1” and, in part, on materials prepared by the lecturer.

- Tutorials

The tutorials will support the lectures in reinforcing the students’ grasp of the new topics, vocabulary and linguistic structures learnt. The lessons will be based on the textbook “studio d B1” and additional materials prepared by the tutors and lecturer.

Lesson Schedule

The lecture will begin in Week 1, Session 2 - 16.1.2014. The tutorials will start in Week 3 - 28.1./30.1.2014.

Students who are keen to read this module are strongly advised to plan the timetable reasonably, e.g. to avoid back-to-back classes, especially classes held in different departments or locations far away from one another.

The schedules are as follows:

Lectures

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<th>Lecture Group 1</th>
<th>Mon 18:00 – 20:00</th>
<th>AS3/0303</th>
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<td>Thurs 18:00 – 20:00</td>
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Tutorials

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<th>Tutorial Group 1</th>
<th>Tues 16:00 – 18:00</th>
<th>AS6/0204</th>
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<td>Tutorial Group 2</td>
<td>Thurs 08:00 – 10:00</td>
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**Assessment**
The assessment is based entirely on students’ coursework (100% CA), such as written work (compositions, essays, assignment etc), oral speaking abilities, and performance in periodic tests as well as active class participation.

Attending classes does not mean class participation; it is rather a prerequisite! Students are required to come to class with preparation.

When a student is unable to sit for a scheduled test, he/she has to provide documentation from a medical practitioner confirming that a medical condition prevents/prevented attendance, preferably on the same day or at the student’s earliest convenience so that an alternate arrangement can be arranged. Fail to do so, the student will be given a “0” for the test.

**Course Content**

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<th>Topics/Communicative Situations</th>
<th>Grammar</th>
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<td><strong>studio d B1, Chapter 1:</strong> Point of Time</td>
<td>Claus with “während”&lt;br&gt;Past tense of regular and irregular verbs&lt;br&gt;The usage of “zum”</td>
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<td><strong>studio d B1, Chapter 2:</strong> Everyday life</td>
<td>Subjunctive Mood (in the present tense) with the modal verbs.</td>
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<td><strong>studio d B1, Chapter 3:</strong> men, women, couples</td>
<td>Infinitive with “zu”&lt;br&gt;Adjectives with “un-” and “-los”</td>
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<td><strong>studio d B1, Chapter 4:</strong> The biggest city in Germany</td>
<td>Adjektive in front of nouns&lt;br&gt;The suffix “-chen”</td>
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<td><strong>studio d B1, Chapter 5:</strong> Schools and Learning</td>
<td>Subjunctive Mood (in the present tense)</td>
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<td><strong>studio d B1, Chapter 6:</strong> Climate and Environment</td>
<td>The preposition “wegen”&lt;br&gt;The future tense&lt;br&gt;Conjunctions: je... desto; nicht,... sondern;</td>
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<td><strong>studio d B1, Chapter 7:</strong> Embarrassing? Embarrassing!</td>
<td>Present Participles&lt;br&gt;Clause with “obwohl”&lt;br&gt;Conjunctions: nicht nur ... sondern auch; weder ... noch</td>
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<td><strong>studio d B1, Chapter 8:</strong> Generations</td>
<td>Assumption with “könnte”&lt;br&gt;The past tense: Plusquamperfekt&lt;br&gt;Clause with “seit”&lt;br&gt;Possessive pronouns in the genitive case</td>
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### Textbooks


The whole set of books is prices at SGD68. Dates for Book sales in AS4/0519 will be:

- **Thursday, 16.1.2014**
- **Friday, 17.1.2014**
- **Monday, 20.1.2014**

from 10 am to 4 pm.

Please bring the exact amount of money with you as you cannot pay by NETS or credit card.

### Dictionary

Students of this module are strongly recommended to use German-German dictionary. Hereby we like to recommend "Langenscheidt Taschenwörterbuch Deutsch als Fremdsprache". This dictionary is available in Co-op (below the central library).

If you prefer online dictionaries, you may want to access these 2 websites: