

**Course Outline**

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English and Modern Languages Department  
Faculty of Arts



**GERMAN 1111**  
INTRODUCTORY GERMAN 1



**Offered through Open Learning**  
Standard Web  
3 Credits

**Calendar Description**

This course allows beginners to develop cultural knowledge and communicative skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing in modern standard German. This course makes extensive use of multimedia and online resources to facilitate and enhance learning. Upon successful completion of this course, students are expected to demonstrate a CEFR A1.1 level of proficiency.

**Prerequisites:** None

**Exclusions:** Students who have completed German in Grade 11 or equivalent within the last two years or have fluency in German may not take this course for credit unless approved by Modern Languages.

**Educational Objectives/Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Speak conversationally in German on the topics covered in the course (family, day-to-day living, etc.)
- Ask and answer simple questions in German on the topics covered
- Understand simple spoken language on the topics covered
- Write correctly in simple German sentences on the topics covered
- Answer questions about and/or summarize the content of simple German written passages
- Incorporate information about German culture as covered in basic conversation

These objectives correspond to the beginning or 'Breakthrough' levels established by the internationally recognized Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).

**Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR)  
Level A1 of Language proficiency**

Listening	I can understand familiar words and very basic phrases concerning myself, my family, and immediate concrete surroundings when people speak slowly and clearly.
Reading	I can understand familiar names, words, and very simple sentences, for example on notices, on posters and in catalogues.
Spoken Interaction	I can interact in a simple way, provided the other person is prepared to repeat or rephrase things at a slower rate of speech and help me formulate what I am trying to say. I can ask and answer simple questions in areas of immediate need or on very familiar topics.
Spoken Production	I can use simple phrases and sentences to describe where I live and people I know.
Writing	I can write a short, simple post-card, for example, sending holiday greetings. I can fill in forms with personal details, for example, entering my name, nationality, and address on a hotel registration form.

### Course Topics

- Episode 1: Introductions, the alphabet, common objects, common phrases
- Episode 2: Likes, questions, numbers, cities and countries in Europe
- Episode 3: Travel, telling time, food and drink, dining out
- Episode 4: Shopping, family, daily activities, study and work
- Episode 5: Sightseeing, wishes and dreams, interviews, German culture

### Texts/Materials Required

This course does not require a traditional textbook and uses only OER Course Materials that are available online. The core learning resource is the WordPress site for German 1111, complemented by a Moodle site for assignments, tests and exams. This combination enables students to work and test themselves on their knowledge of grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. The WordPress site also helps students to develop listening and reading comprehension and to practise their writing and speaking abilities.

### Assessments

Written Assignments and Tests: 40%

Oral Assessment: 10%

Final Written and Oral Exams: 50%

### Academic Honesty

*Cheating will not be tolerated.* The TRU policy on academic honesty applies in all Modern Languages courses. All work must be the individual's own original work. Plagiarism in any form will result in immediate failure on the project, and/or failure of the course.

**Use of Technology**

Students must have access to a cell phone, tablet or other device that allows them to record their own voice and practice speaking. Internet access is required to explore topics further by linking to web sites containing course-related activities.

**Course Web Site**

Materials for German 1111 are all available online at <https://germ1111-sw1.trubox.ca> and the Moodle site associated with this course.

**Study Guidelines**

Learning a second language requires daily and consistent application on the part of the learner. It is better to do a small amount of review and study each day than to wait and then attempt to absorb large amounts of material at one sitting. Learning a second language also demands regular practice articulating sounds and expressions. Therefore, recording your own voice is essential for mastering pronunciation and conversational competency.