

NorthWest Arkansas Community College  
Standard Course Outline

**GERM 1003**    **Elementary German I**

**Catalog Description: Foreign Languages**

The study of foreign language is required as part of only one associate degree plan at NWACC, that of Associate of Science in International Business. Beyond that one exception all foreign language courses, beginning at the FLAN 1003 (i.e. GERM 1003, FREN 1003, level are considered electives and can contribute appropriate elective credit to most degree plans of the college. Otherwise, credit from foreign language courses is deemed transfer credit and will be accepted by all Arkansas four-year colleges. Most four-year institutions require 9-12 hours of foreign language study as part of their BA, BFA, and BS degrees. However FLAN 0xxx and FLAN 1003 will not normally transfer degree credit to a university to satisfy a foreign language requirements.

In order to accommodate students with prior language experience, the Foreign Language Department has established the following guidelines to facilitate enhanced or advanced standing credit. On the basis of prior knowledge of a language and with the approval of the Foreign Language lead faculty, a student can omit one or more of the courses in the basic language sequence: FLAN 1013, 2003, and 2013. The student may receive college credit for omitted courses if they validate their higher placement by passing an advanced course with a grade of "C" or above. Credit will be awarded at the request of the student upon authorization of the Foreign Language Department lead faculty.

A student who chooses to seek credit by examination must take the CLEP (College Level Examination Program) exam in the target language at a CLEP examination site. The University of Arkansas at Fayetteville is the nearest CLEP examination site.

**GERM 1003 - Elementary German I.** The introductory language course designed for students beginning the college-level study of German. Presentations of basic vocabulary and grammatical structures enable the student to understand, speak, read and write German.

**Prerequisite:** None. Previous experience in German is not necessary nor anticipated in this class. The pace of elementary German is arduous and students must spend many hours studying, memorizing, and practicing the language to achieve success.

**Credit hours/ Contact hours/ Load hours:** 3

**Target Audience & Transferability:** Since there is no foreign language requirement for the Associate of Arts degree at NWACC, any foreign language class that a student might take is either a general elective or will be used to satisfy a foreign language requirement at a transfer institution. Elementary German I is a class for students planning to transfer their foreign language credits. In the absence of any other German language preparation such as high school or life experience, Elementary German is a necessary prerequisite for Intermediate German. At most four-year colleges and universities, including the University of Arkansas, Elementary German II is the lowest level of generally accepted for transfer credit. We have designed our Elementary German program to fulfill the needs of students that are planning to transfer their credits to the University of Arkansas, with which we have close ties and formal articulation agreements.

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Common Objectives/ Student Outcomes: In the face of rapid global integration the study of any foreign language facilitates the break down of language barriers that isolate people linguistically, culturally and geographically which limit their potential to function in an international focused reality. To prepare our students to function in a global economy and society, we offer studies in foreign languages that lead to proficiency in the language while preparing students to successfully transfer into higher degree programs at the university level.

Elementary German I is the first of the four semesters of college-level academic German courses offered at NWACC that lead to proficiency in the German language and that transfer to fulfill most four-year universities' foreign language requirements for a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

This course provides an introduction to the German language and the culture in which it is spoken. Upon successful completion of Elementary German I, the student will be able to communicate both orally and in writing in simple, complete sentences with a vocabulary of at least 700 words that a native speaker would be able to comprehend. Students will be able to understand simple oral and written instructions and statements, and they will be able to differentiate the sounds of spoken German and reproduce those sounds correctly. The basic grammatical structures and parts of speech of German will be mastered including present and preterit verb tenses.

Cultural studies will pervade the entire course consisting in exposure to the history, geography, folklore and ethnic and cultural diversity to the German-speaking world. The student will actively participate in this study through short lectures, discussion, and research into specific countries and regions. During the second half of the course, we will celebrate a cultural festival of food, music and dress.

Required Text(s):

Moeller, Adolph, Hoehcherl-Alden and Lelande; *Deutsch heute, 7<sup>th</sup> ed.*; Houghton Mifflin, Boston, New York; 2000.  
Arbeitsheft (Workbook) for *Deutsch heute*.

Optional Text(s): German/English Dictionary

Topics: In Elementary German I, we cover lessons 1- 6 of *Deutsch heute* and more if possible.

Required activities:

**Homework:** Successful performance in Elementary German I requires a thorough understanding and practice of the **dialog**, **vocabulary**, and **exercises** of each lesson. You accomplish this by setting a routine of study which includes:

- keeping all exercises and verb work in a well-ordered notebook.
- working through the lesson page by page, doing all exercises.
- making flash cards of the vocabulary words writing the forms of all verbs in all tenses currently mastered,
- listening to the lesson segment of the student tape or CD-ROM, that comes with the book, until the dialog becomes easy to hear, understand and reproduce orally.
- Come to class prepared to use learned expressions orally in class.

**A composition:** loosely based on the vocabulary and theme suggested by the current lesson. The composition should contain a significant portion of new vocabulary.

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**Outside class language practice:** Each student will document eight hours of oral practice of the language outside the class during the semester, at least one hour during each two-week period of the semester. If no other oral practice can be accomplished the International Language Learning Center (the language lab, MAT Bldg., Room 13) is at the student's disposition.

Required Methods of Instruction: Lecture, role playing, group work, video, authentic language experience

Required Forms of Assessment:

1. There will be 12 vocabulary quizzes, taken from the vocabulary lists in each chapter. Each quiz will have ten German vocabulary words. Each word will be worth two points and each quiz will be worth twenty points. Therefore, quizzes will be 40% of the semester grade. At the end of the semester the two lowest quizzes will be dropped. The quizzes will be an excellent way to prepare for the exams.
2. There will be 12 homework assignments. Each homework assignment will be worth ten points. Therefore, homework will be 20% of the semester grade. At the end of the semester the two lowest homework grades will be dropped.
3. There will be a mid-term exam worth 100 points. This exam will cover the "Einfuehrung" and chapters 7, 8, and 9. This exam will be worth 20% of the semester grade.
4. There will be a final exam worth 100 points. The final exam will not be comprehensive, but will cover chapters 10, 11, 12 and 13. The final exam will be worth 20% of the semester grade. There will be a review session and review sheet prior to each exam.

Resources:

International Language Learning Center (a.k.a. language lab) in the MAT Bldg., Room 13

**The Goethe Institute** <http://www.goethe.de/eindex.htm>

**MyLanguageExchange** [http://www.mylanguageexchange.com/HowTo\\_gmn.asp](http://www.mylanguageexchange.com/HowTo_gmn.asp)

**Interdeutsch: Übungen zur Grammatik**  
[http://www.interdeutsch.de/studien1.htm#Übungen zur Grammatik1](http://www.interdeutsch.de/studien1.htm#Übungen_zur_Grammatik1)

**German Language Web Exercises:Online Interactive Learning**  
<http://www.cas.usf.edu/german/forms/webforms.htm>

**deutsch online** <http://www.inawe.de/don/Start.shtml>