

**Northwest Arkansas Community College**  
**Division of Communication and Arts**  
**International Languages Department**

**Course Number and Title**

GERM 1003, Elementary German I

**Catalog Description**

Introductory course designed for students beginning the college-level study of German. Presentations of vocabulary, grammatical structures, and German culture enable the student to understand, speak, read, and write basic German.

**Prerequisites**

None.

**Credit hours/Contact hours/Load hours**

3 hours credit/contact/load

**Target Audience/Transferability**

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

**Student Learning Outcomes**

Students will:

**Listening**

- Develop aural comprehension of isolated words, such as cognates, borrowed words, and high-frequency social conventions, as well as aural comprehension of short phrases, simple questions, commands, and conversations.

**Speaking**

- Pronounce the alphabet correctly.
- Produce isolated words and high-frequency phrases, as well as express basic courtesies and the simplest of questions.
- Practice simple dialogue with fellow students, employing active vocabulary and grammatical structures.

**Reading**

- Identify isolated words and common phrases including cognates and borrowed words.
- Read and discuss simple materials such as invitations, calendars, letters, short cultural dialogues, and articles.

## **Writing**

- Identify all the symbols in the alphabetic system, including correct use of unlauded vowels.
- Write isolated words, common phrases, simple questions including the use of W-questions, numbers, and dates.
- Produce basic sentences using varied word order of subject, verb, direct object, time, manner, and place. Produce several short paragraphs including the use of coordinating and subordinating conjunctions, modals, varied word order, and the use of nominative, accusative and dative cases.

## **Culture**

- Identify major German-speaking countries.
- Discuss certain aspects of German culture, such as greetings, major holidays, university, shopping, and the family.

## **Topics**

### **Vocabulary**

Greetings and farewells, family, daily activities, career and overview of German-speaking countries.

### **Grammar**

Articles: definite and indefinite, present tense of verbs, interrogatives: W-words, adverbs, adjectives, opposites, imperative forms, and the nominative, accusative and dative cases.

### **Forms of assessment**

Teacher directed questions to check comprehension, tests: written and oral, quizzes, workbook, and final exam