



Curriculum for A1.1 Beginning German 1

Materials: *Schritte International Neu 1+2*, Chapter 1–5; *Kursbuch* (textbook), *Arbeitsbuch* (workbook)

Course Content

Structurally: This course will provide students with an introduction to the sounds and structure of the German language. Students will learn the German alphabet and phonetics, and they will be introduced to a language that is structurally very different from English. They will learn that German has three different genders for nouns which influence the choice of the article, and a variety of plural forms. They will also learn that German verbs are conjugated and occupy a specific position in a sentence, and that this position depends on whether a sentence is a statement or a question.

Functionally: Students will learn how to introduce themselves and make simple statements. They will also learn how to meet and appropriately greet people in various situations. They will learn to ask simple questions, and they will learn numbers and counting. They will learn how to talk about topics of personal interest, like family and living arrangements. They will also learn how to plan a meal and how to interact with staff in a shop.

Objectives

At the end of A 1.1, students will be able to introduce themselves and others, and offer basic information about themselves and ask others for the same. They will have received an introduction to the sound system in German and talk about and ask for things in their immediate environment.

Questions?

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