Basic course: German as a Foreign Language, Module 1

Course Number 90611

1. Description:

Students acquire skills and abilities comprising correct pronunciation and intonation, formation of simple, grammatically and semantically correct German sentences, and basic spelling rules. Students work with texts at a basic level (signs, posters, catalogues). They learn to make simple statements in everyday situations both in written (forms, postcards) and in oral form (introducing oneself, welcoming and saying goodbye, apologising, enquiring, agreeing and disagreeing, expressing likes and dislikes).

Topics covered by course content: people and travelling, living, showing the way, daily routine, customs and festivals, eating and drinking.

Grammar focus: articles, present and perfect tenses, modals, verbs with accusative and dative objects, main and subordinate clauses, prepositions (place, direction), adjectives, infinitive clauses, singular and plural of nouns, numbers 1 to 1000, personal pronouns, negations.

2. Level

a) Prerequisite/Target group:

Foreign students with no or little previous language knowledge; **required placement-test result: 0-19 points, 10 - 20 students**

b) Aims:

The course objectives correspond with the skills described for level **A 1** (breakthrough) of the CEF. The course aims at providing an intermediate level of German, enabling students to cope with everyday communicative situations, mainly in a university setting, with simple language means. It focuses on the development of oral communication skills.

3. Assessment:

Prerequisite for admission to the examination: regular class attendance (at least 80%)

- One oral test during the course
- One test of listening comprehension during the course
- Written final examination
- On completion: graded certificate

4. Costs: students / Ph.D. students: 40€, staff: 80 €