

German 1, Semester B

Course Overview

Learning a new language is a multi-faceted experience in which you are introduced to a whole new set of words and ways of expressing yourself with words, along with new cultures formed by people who have been speaking that language for centuries. The German-speaking world spans Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Luxembourg, and Liechtenstein in Europe, as well as many other parts of the world.

In German 1B, you'll be introduced to several common situations in which people describe how to earn, save, and manage money, modes of urban transportation, various seasons and the associated weather conditions, food, clothes, and activities. You'll also describe various art forms, plays, concerts, and movies. You'll discuss health and well-being, and travel and tourism. You'll build on what you learned in the German 1A course to communicate by listening, speaking, reading, and writing in German as you internalize new vocabulary and grammar. You'll also learn about some regions of the German-speaking world that the central characters of each unit are visiting. You will build on this semester's work as you advance in your German studies: everything that you learn about a language and the cultures in which it is spoken will serve as a foundation for further learning.

Course Goals

By the end of this course, you will be able to do the following:

- Discuss topics concerning the general community, including earning/saving, getting around town options, shopping choices, and libraries/parks.
- Recognize and use past tense verb forms (participles) of regular verbs, particularly those using the auxiliary verb **haben** (to have).
- Use present tense to describe different weather conditions and the associated foods, clothing and activities.
- Review the verbs for “to need,” “to go,” and “to be able to.”
- Use the preterite tense of “buy,” “shop,” “pay,” and “receive” in the context of shopping.
- Use the verb **sein** (to be) with respect to weather conditions.
- Use the language to discuss situations pertaining to the arts, including museums, the theatre, music, and cinema.

- Use and review the future tense, **werden** + infinitive, to talk about what is happening now, and what is going to happen.
- Use reflexive verbs in both the present tense and in the imperative mode.
- Describe health/well-being concepts, including food choices, sports/exercise, doctor's visits, and emergencies.
- Use verbs **wehtun** (it hurts), **schmerzen** (pain), and **fühlen** (to feel).
- Use the formal imperative to provide basic personal information.
- Discuss aspect of traveling, including within the German-speaking world, passport/travel requirements, the planning of a trip, and the various ways to travel.
- Use the **imperfekt** tense of **sein** (to be) to talk about past experiences in different countries.
- Use the prepositions **nach**, **in**, **an**, and **auf** to express direction.

Language Skills

German 1A is a prerequisite course for German 1B. The following fundamental concepts and skills will be helpful.

- a basic knowledge of parts of speech, such as noun, verb, subject, adjective, and adverb
- the ability to read and speak English and compose paragraphs or lines of dialogue that form a coherent whole
- a basic understanding of world geography

General Skills

To participate in this course, you should be able to do the following activities:

- Work with word processing software such as Microsoft Word or Google Docs.
- Work with presentation software such as Microsoft Power Point.
- Do online research using various search engines and library databases.
- Communicate through email and participate in discussion boards.

For a complete list of general skills that are required for participation in online courses, refer to the Prerequisites section of the Edmentum Student Orientation document.

Credit Value

German 1B is a 0.5-credit course.

Tips for Language Learning

- Relax and enjoy yourself: To continue learning a new language, you will build on what you have already learned and incorporate new vocabulary and grammar concepts with the old, increasing your ability to communicate by listening, speaking, reading, and writing as you progress. To foster your progress, concentrate on communicating, not on using a new language beyond your current abilities. You will make errors, so look for improvement in your ability to communicate rather than perfect replication of the language you are learning.
- Immerse yourself in the language as much as you can. Replay audio, especially extended audio passages, to gain familiarity with the sound and meanings of the language. Look for opportunities to learn songs and watch multimedia content in the language.
- Take advantage of and create additional opportunities besides those offered in the course to communicate in the language in everyday situations.
 - Use the audio recorder device provided with this course package (or any other recording device installed on your PC) to practice speaking, and play back your recordings to check for vocabulary and grammar usage and clarity of pronunciation (not perfection).
 - Practice reading the language aloud.
 - Use the discussion forums provided to practice communicating in written form with other learners.
 - Look for online language practice chat forums and real-life situations in which you can use the language, at whichever level you are comfortable with.
- Use the opportunities offered in the course to compare your responses with the sample answers provided in written form or as audio files. Your responses need not be exactly the same as the sample answers; rather, you should check for correctness of vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation. If you're in doubt, you may consult your teacher (or anyone else you know who is proficient in German).
- Learn the language in the context of the words and the situations in which they are used, instead of learning by a process of translation between German and English.
- The language you are learning in this course uses symbols, such as accents. Use these [instructions](#) to learn how to enter these symbols using your keyboard.

Course Materials

- Notebook
- Presentation software

- Computer with Internet connection and speakers or headphones
- Recording device on your computer for practicing and for teacher-submitted audio tasks
- Microsoft Word or equivalent
- Microsoft Excel or equivalent

Course Pacing Guide

This course description and pacing guide is intended to help you keep on schedule with your work. Note that your course instructor may modify the schedule to meet the specific needs of your class.

Unit 1: Around the Community

Summary

In this unit, you will describe how to earn, save, and manage money and use credit and debit cards. Next, you will describe different modes of urban transportation, describe the pros and cons of walking in the city, and use appropriate language to communicate with drivers. Next, you will describe various activities associated with shopping at the outdoor market, supermarket, convenience store, and the mall. Finally, you will describe a visit to the library, a trip to the park, and the activities enjoyed in those places.

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
1 day: 1	Syllabus and Edmentum Student Orientation <i>Review the Edmentum Student Orientation and Course Syllabus at the beginning of this course.</i>	Course Orientation
3 days: 2-4	Earning and Saving <i>Describe how money is earned and saved, how to open a bank account, how to use credit and debit cards.</i> Grammar Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the verbs MÜSSEN (MUST), BEZAHLEN (TO PAY), GELD SPAREN (TO SAVE), EINZAHLEN (TO DEPOSIT), GELD ABHEBEN (TO WITHDRAW), and ERWIRTSCHAFTEN (TO EARN). • Use past tense verb forms (participles) of regular verbs, particularly those using the auxiliary verb HABEN (to have). 	Tutorial

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review numbers up to 100,000, and learn numbers from 100,001 to 1,000,000. 	
3 days: 5-7	<p>Getting Around Town Describe traveling within a city by walking, by bus, taxi, and personal automobile.</p> <p>Grammar Objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use expressions such as “I would like” when travelling in the German-speaking world. Review the verbs for “to need,” “to go,” and “to be able to.” 	Tutorial
3 days: 8-10	<p>Shopping Describe and discuss shopping at the supermarket, at the outdoor market, at the convenience store, and at the mall.</p> <p>Grammar Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revisit the verbs for “going to,” “need to,” and “should.” Use the preterite tense of “buy,” “shop,” “pay,” and “receive.” 	Tutorial
4 days: 11-14	<p>Libraries and Parks Describe visits to community libraries and parks, including the things you would do in those places.</p> <p>Grammar Objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use direct-object pronouns. Use the preterite tense of “read,” “take out,” and “borrow” with direct object pronouns. 	Tutorial
3 days: 15–17	Unit Activity and Discussion—Unit 1	Unit Activity Discussion
1 day: 18	Post Test—Unit 1	Assessment

Unit 2: Clothing, Seasons, and the Weather

Summary

In this unit, you will describe the seasons, the weather conditions, seasonal foods, clothing worn, and activities enjoyed during the spring, summer, fall, and winter. Next, you will discuss extreme weather conditions and what you can do to deal with such situations. Finally, you will follow weather forecasts.

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
4 days: 19-22	<p>Spring and Summer <i>Discuss common weather conditions, seasonal foods, clothing worn, and activities enjoyed in the spring and summer.</i></p> <p>Grammar Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the verbs ANZIEHEN (TO DRESS) and TRAGEN (TO WEAR). • Review and use the present tense to describe weather conditions. 	Tutorial
4 days: 23-26	<p>Fall and Winter <i>Discuss common weather conditions, seasonal foods, clothing worn, and activities enjoyed in the fall and winter.</i></p> <p>Grammar Objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and practice the present tense. • Practice the verb SEIN (TO BE) with respect to weather conditions. 	Tutorial
3 days: 27-29	<p>Wild Weather <i>Discuss extreme weather conditions and the role that we can play in dealing with such situations.</i></p> <p>Grammar Objective: Use a form of WERDEN + infinitive and ES WIRD to discuss what is going to happen.</p>	Tutorial
3 days: 30-32	<p>Following the Weather Forecast <i>Follow a weather forecast accurately and prepare a mock</i></p>	Tutorial

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	<p><i>forecast for specific places around the world.</i></p> <p>Grammar Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Use and review the future tense, WERDEN + infinitive, to talk about what is happening now, and what is going to happen.</i> • <i>Review the use of SEIN (TO BE) in the present tense.</i> 	
3 days: 33-35	Unit Activity and Discussion—Unit 2	Unit Activity Discussion
1 day: 36	Post Test—Unit 2	Assessment

Unit 3: The Arts

Summary

In this unit, you will learn about creating art through drawing and painting, the various tools and techniques used by artists, and the contributions of famous artists. Then, you will describe the experience of watching a play, a musical, a professional dance presentation, and a concert. Next, you will learn about movie making and some professional filmmakers. Finally, you will describe your favorite movies and state reasons for liking them.

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
3 days: 37-39	<p>A Visit to the Art Museum</p> <p><i>Describe the creation of art through drawing and painting, the various tools and techniques used by artists, and the contributions of famous artists.</i></p> <p>Grammar Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Review verbs for “see,” “look at,” and “understand.”</i> • <i>Use the verbs for “admire,” “detest,” “draw,” “sketch,” and “prepare” in the context of describing art work.</i> • <i>Practice the verbs for “lived” and “died.”</i> 	Tutorial

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
3 days: 40-42	<p>A Visit to the Theatre <i>Describe the experience of watching a play, a musical, and a professional dance presentation.</i></p> <p>Grammar Objective: Use the verbs for “act,” “practice,” “memorize,” “deliver,” “stand,” “move,” “dance,” “bend,” “twist,” and “rehearse” to describe the experience of watching a performance.</p>	Tutorial
4 days: 43-46	<p>Bands and Concerts <i>Describe the experience of attending a concert, including buying tickets, the performance, and the instruments and equipment used by musicians.</i></p> <p>Grammar Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Introduce and practice verbs and vocabulary associated with music, bands, and concert-going.</i> • <i>Review and further practice the future tense.</i> 	Tutorial
4 days: 47-50	<p>The Cinematic Arts <i>Describe movie making and professional filmmakers as well as favorite movies and why one likes them.</i></p> <p>Grammar Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Learn movie genres in German.</i> • <i>Learn terminology of movie making.</i> • <i>Practice terminology of filmmakers and their jobs.</i> • <i>Practice grammar as needed.</i> 	Tutorial
3 days: 51–53	Unit Activity and Discussion—Unit 3	Unit Activity Discussion
1 day: 54	Post Test—Unit 3	Assessment

Unit 4: Health and Well-Being

Summary

In this unit, you will discuss the beneficial and harmful aspects of specific foods and food groups. Then, you will describe some common sports and activities and their benefits to various parts of the body. Next, you will learn about the basics of visiting a doctor's office or clinic, asking and answering questions about medical problems, and requesting appropriate treatment. Finally, you will learn about the different ways to communicate health care and emergency needs in various situations, including on the phone, with paramedics, and at a hospital.

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
3 days: 55-57	<p>What to Eat <i>Compare the beneficial and harmful aspects of specific foods.</i> Grammar Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use verbs SCHLAFEN (TO SLEEP) and discuss stem changing verbs, including ESSEN (TO EAT). • Use phrases ES IST PRIMA, DASS, ICH FINDE ES TOLL, DASS, and ES IST SCHADE, DASS. • Practice conjunction of DASS. • Use comparatives and superlatives. 	Tutorial
4 days: 58-61	<p>Sports and Exercise <i>Describe common sports and activities and their benefits to various parts of the body.</i> Grammar Objective: Use the verb MACHEN (TO DO).</p>	Tutorial
3 days: 62-64	<p>Visiting the Doctor's Office <i>Describe the basics of visiting a doctor's office or clinic, asking and answering questions about medical problems, and requesting appropriate treatment.</i> Grammar Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the formal imperative. Introduce and practice reflexive verbs in both the present tense and in the imperative mode. • Use VERBS WEHTUN (IT HURTS), SCHMERZEN (PAIN), and FÜHLEN (TO FEEL). • Discuss verbs that take the dative case. 	Tutorial
3 days:	<p>Emergency Care <i>Communicate health care and emergency needs in a variety of</i></p>	Tutorial

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65-67	<p><i>situations, including on the phone, with paramedics, and at a hospital.</i></p> <p>Grammar Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Use the question “What happened?” as asked by paramedics and emergency room personnel.</i> • <i>Use the formal imperative for medical visits and emergency situations, such as “call 9-1-1.”</i> 	
3 days: 68–70	Unit Activity and Discussion—Unit 4	Unit Activity Discussion
1 day: 71	Post Test—Unit 4	Assessment

Unit 5: Traveling Abroad

Summary

In this unit, you will become familiar with the locations of German-speaking countries and major tourist attractions in each of them. Then, you will describe requirements for traveling abroad, such as passport, visa, immunizations, and other such formalities. Next, you will learn about planning a trip, including researching and selecting a destination and purchasing airline tickets. Finally, you will create a travel itinerary for a particular destination. Your itinerary will take into account traveling by various modes of transport, such as bus, train, and/or automobile, and include cost, scheduling, and travel time.

Day	Activity/Objective	Type
3 days: 72-74	<p>The German-Speaking World</p> <p><i>Learn about the locations of German-speaking countries and major tourist attractions in each of them.</i></p> <p>Grammar Objective: <i>Use the imperfect tense of SEIN (TO BE), to talk about past experiences in different countries.</i></p>	Tutorial
4 days: 75-78	<p>Passports and Travel Requirements</p> <p><i>Describe passport, visa, and other requirements, such as</i></p>	Tutorial

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	<p><i>immunizations, for traveling abroad, as well as the cultural differences one may encounter.</i></p> <p>Grammar Objectives: <i>Use demonstrative pronouns to talk about passports and travel requirements.</i></p>	
<p>3 days: 79-81</p>	<p>Planning a Trip <i>Plan a trip, including researching and selecting a destination and purchasing airline tickets.</i></p> <p>Grammar Objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tell about obligations and desires.</i> • <i>Use direct and indirect object pronouns.</i> • <i>Discuss expressing direction: prepositions NACH, IN, AN, and AUF.</i> 	<p>Tutorial</p>
<p>3 days: 82-84</p>	<p>Ways to Travel <i>Plan a travel itinerary for a chosen destination, including bus, train, and automobile, reflecting on cost, scheduling, and travel time.</i></p> <p>Grammar Objective: <i>Use comparatives and superlatives to plan a travel itinerary.</i></p>	<p>Tutorial</p>
<p>3 days: 85–87</p>	<p>Unit Activity and Discussion—Unit 5</p>	<p>Unit Activity Discussion</p>
<p>1 day: 88</p>	<p>Post Test—Unit 5</p>	<p>Assessment</p>
<p>1 day: 89</p>	<p>Semester Review</p>	
<p>1 day: 90</p>	<p>End-of-Semester Exam</p>	<p>Assessment</p>

Course Map

You will achieve course level objectives by completing each lesson's instruction, assignments, and assessments. For a detailed look at how the materials meet these objectives, review the [course map for Semester B](#).