



# GMN 133

## Introductory German III

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## General Information

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Credit points

3

Prerequisites

GMN105

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This external unit is the third of three introductory German units. In this unit students complete the work with the textbook and complete a range of additional tasks in the online learning platform iLearn with a particular focus on reading, writing and listening skills. Students are strongly encouraged to attend an on-campus session at the end of the unit. Assessment is by online tests, assignments and examination.

## Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

Listening: understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment, the body, illnesses and accidents, and society).

Reading: understand short, simple texts on familiar matters of a concrete type which consist of high frequency every day or job-related language; understand short, simple texts containing the highest frequency vocabulary, including a proportion of shared

international vocabulary items.

Writing: write complete sentences with main and sub-ordinate clauses relating to matters in areas of immediate relevance; give reasons and explanations, and establish a time line of event by using the relevant connectors.

## Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
<a href="#"><u>Assignment 1</u></a>	17%	21 December 2014
<a href="#"><u>Assignment 2</u></a>	17%	12 January 2015
<a href="#"><u>Assignment 3</u></a>	17%	19 January 2015
<a href="#"><u>Final examination</u></a>	45%	28 January 2015
<a href="#"><u>Participation</u></a>	4%	ongoing

### Assignment 1

Due: **21 December 2014**

Weighting: **17%**

Assignments are compulsory and must be submitted on time. As a general rule, extensions will not be granted without a valid and documented reason (e.g. medical certificate). Late submissions will be penalised by 5% for each day (including weekends) the assignment task is late. No assignments will be accepted after assignments have been corrected and feedback has been provided. Assignment tasks handed in early will not be marked and returned before the due date.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Listening: understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment, the body, illnesses and accidents, and society).
- Reading: understand short, simple texts on familiar matters of a concrete type which consist of high frequency every day or job-related language; understand short, simple texts containing the highest frequency vocabulary, including a proportion of shared international vocabulary items.
- Writing: write complete sentences with main and sub-ordinate clauses relating to matters in areas of immediate relevance; give reasons and explanations, and establish a time line of event by using the relevant connectors.

## Assignment 2

Due: **12 January 2015**

Weighting: **17%**

Assignments are compulsory and must be submitted on time. As a general rule, extensions will not be granted without a valid and documented reason (e.g. medical certificate). Late submissions will be penalised by 5% for each day (including weekends) the assignment task is late. No assignments will be accepted after assignments have been corrected and feedback has been provided. Assignment tasks handed in early will not be marked and returned before the due date.

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## Assignment 3

Due: **19 January 2015**

Weighting: **17%**

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On successful completion you will be able to:

- Listening: understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment, the body, illnesses and accidents, and society).
- Reading: understand short, simple texts on familiar matters of a concrete type which

consist of high frequency every day or job-related language; understand short, simple texts containing the highest frequency vocabulary, including a proportion of shared international vocabulary items.

- Writing: write complete sentences with main and sub-ordinate clauses relating to matters in areas of immediate relevance; give reasons and explanations, and establish a time line of event by using the relevant connectors.

## Final examination

Due: **28 January 2015**

Weighting: **45%**

This compulsory examination will be conducted **at the given date, online between 5pm and 7.10pm.**

Do not expect that alternative examination arrangements can be made for you. The only exceptions to this are:

- a) members of the armed forces who must go away on duty;
- b) students representing Australia or the University in a national or international sporting or cultural event;
- c) students proceeding to a period of study in a foreign country associated with a Macquarie University program of study.

The examination is based on *Kontakte*:

- selections from the workbook and textbook exercises of chapter 11&12
- short essay on a choice of topics
- Hörverständnis (Please ensure that your computer plays audio files).
- Test

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- Writing: write complete sentences with main and sub-ordinate clauses relating to matters in areas of immediate relevance; give reasons and explanations, and establish a time line of event by using the relevant connectors.

## Participation

Due: **ongoing**

Weighting: **4%**

Participation in online components.

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## Delivery and Resources

**This unit is conducted online only. You will find all relevant tasks and activities on iLearn under GMN133.**

### REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED TEXTS AND/OR MATERIALS

#### Required texts:

- Author: Tschirner et al. Title: *Kontakte Student Edition + Workbook/Lab Manual Pack*  
ISBN: 9780070274372 Edition: 7

#### Recommended texts:

- Zorach, C. & Melin, Ch. *English Grammar for Students of German*. The Olivia and Hill Press

### UNIT WEBPAGE AND TECHNOLOGY USED AND REQUIRED

#### Unit webpage

[ilearn.mq.edu.au](https://ilearn.mq.edu.au)

Please ensure that your computer is able to play sound files and check the correct browser settings, particularly before the examination.

## Unit Schedule

This unit covers Kapitel 11 and 12 of the *Kontakte* textbook and the corresponding exercises in the *Arbeitsbuch*. Please find an updated *Semesterplan* in iLearn.

## Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy [http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic\\_honesty/policy.html](http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html)

Assessment Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Grievance Management Policy [http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance\\_management/policy.html](http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance_management/policy.html)

Disruption to Studies Policy [http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption\\_studies/policy.html](http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html) *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

## Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: [https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student\\_conduct/](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/)

## Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

## Learning Skills

Learning Skills ([mq.edu.au/learningskills](http://mq.edu.au/learningskills)) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

## Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

## Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au)

## IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/>.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

## Graduate Capabilities

### Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

This graduate capability is supported by:

#### Learning outcome

- Writing: write complete sentences with main and sub-ordinate clauses relating to matters in areas of immediate relevance; give reasons and explanations, and establish a time line of event by using the relevant connectors.

#### Assessment tasks

- Assignment 1
- Assignment 2
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### Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally



and socially.

This graduate capability is supported by:

## **Learning outcomes**

- Listening: understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment, the body, illnesses and accidents, and society).
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## **Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills**

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

This graduate capability is supported by:

## **Learning outcomes**

- Listening: understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment, the body, illnesses and accidents, and society).
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## Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

This graduate capability is supported by:

## Learning outcomes

- Reading: understand short, simple texts on familiar matters of a concrete type which consist of high frequency every day or job-related language; understand short, simple texts containing the highest frequency vocabulary, including a proportion of shared international vocabulary items.
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## Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

This graduate capability is supported by:

## Learning outcome

- Writing: write complete sentences with main and sub-ordinate clauses relating to matters in areas of immediate relevance; give reasons and explanations, and establish a time line of event by using the relevant connectors.

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## Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

This graduate capability is supported by:

## Learning outcome

- Writing: write complete sentences with main and sub-ordinate clauses relating to matters in areas of immediate relevance; give reasons and explanations, and establish a time line of event by using the relevant connectors.

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## Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

This graduate capability is supported by:

## Learning outcomes

- Listening: understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment, the body, illnesses and accidents, and society).
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## Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

This graduate capability is supported by:

## Learning outcomes

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- Writing: write complete sentences with main and sub-ordinate clauses relating to matters in areas of immediate relevance; give reasons and explanations, and establish a time line of event by using the relevant connectors.

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## Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

This graduate capability is supported by:

## Learning outcomes

- Reading: understand short, simple texts on familiar matters of a concrete type which consist of high frequency every day or job-related language; understand short, simple texts containing the highest frequency vocabulary, including a proportion of shared international vocabulary items.
- Writing: write complete sentences with main and sub-ordinate clauses relating to matters in areas of immediate relevance; give reasons and explanations, and establish a time line of event by using the relevant connectors.

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## Changes since First Published

Date	Description
24/11/2014	Correction of assignment due dates.