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Prerequisites

GMN133 or HSC German Extension or Continuers Band 4 or 5 or 6 or E3 or E4 German

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This intermediate unit is designed to further develop skills in reading, comprehension, speaking and writing. The unit covers fundamental areas of German grammar. The unit is taught in blended mode with a strong online component, working towards CEFR Level B1. 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:

To hear, speak, read and write modern German language in a variety of registers.

To read, listen to, comprehend and discuss a variety of German texts.

To attain a good level of spoken and written German through practice in class and

completion of exercises and assignments.

To revise grammatical structures previously studied and learn new structures essential to oral and written fluency and accuracy.

To understand and gain proficiency in the mechanics of writing German.

To gain an appreciation of the German culture through textual (including literature) and aural material introduced in the class resources and discussed in class as well as online.

General Assessment Information

Submission of most tasks is via iLearn. All assessment tasks are compulsory and must be submitted on time. Assignment tasks handed in early will not be marked and returned before the due date.

Rubrics and indicative samples are provided via iLearn to clarify grading standards and assessment requirements.

Late Assessment Penalty

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, (a) a penalty for lateness will apply – two (2) marks out of 100 will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date – and (b) no assignment will be accepted more than seven (7) days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline. No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments – e.g. quizzes, online tests.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<u>Online Tests</u>	25%	No	week 4, 7, 9 and 10
<u>Assignments</u>	25%	No	week 3, 6, 8 and 11
<u>Class Presentation/Project</u>	10%	No	Weeks 8-12
<u>Participation and self-study</u>	10%	No	Weekly
<u>Final Test</u>	30%	No	Week 13

Online Tests

Due: **week 4, 7, 9 and 10**

Weighting: **25%**

Online Quizzes on key grammar, vocabulary and comprehension.

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- To understand and gain proficiency in the mechanics of writing German.

Assignments

Due: **week 3, 6, 8 and 11**

Weighting: **25%**

Written compositions based on the topics studied in class. Submitted online.

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Class Presentation/Project

Due: **Weeks 8-12**

Weighting: **10%**

Presentation in class on topics announced in advance. Online students will present in an online session.

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- To gain an appreciation of the German culture through textual (including literature) and aural material introduced in the class resources and discussed in class as well as online.

Participation and self-study

Due: **Weekly**

Weighting: **10%**

Participation in class and online forums and tasks and completion of set activities.

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- To gain an appreciation of the German culture through textual (including literature) and aural material introduced in the class resources and discussed in class as well as online.

Final Test

Due: **Week 13**

Weighting: **30%**

Written test to assess comprehension, grammar and composition skills acquired in the course.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- To read, listen to, comprehend and discuss a variety of German texts.
- To revise grammatical structures previously studied and learn new structures essential to oral and written fluency and accuracy.
- To understand and gain proficiency in the mechanics of writing German.

Delivery and Resources

CLASSES

For current updates, lecture times and classrooms please consult the MQ Timetables website: <http://www.timetables.mq.edu.au>.

For external students there will be one **on-campus session (time and date TBA, see iLearn)**

REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED TEXTS AND/OR MATERIALS

The unit is based on

a textbook:

- Perlmann-Balme, M. et al (2008): *em neu Brückenkurs 2008. Deutsch als Fremdsprache Niveaustufe B1. Kursbuch*. Ismaning: Max Hueber Verlag.

and workbook:

- Orth-Chambah, J. (2008): **em neu Brückenkurs. Deutsch als Fremdsprache Niveaustufe B1. Arbeitsbuch.** Ismaning: Max Hueber Verlag.

together with the audio-material for the course provided online via the iLearn online platform.

Please do not use earlier editions as the content has been modified in the latest edition.

GRAMMARS

If you have not studied grammar in much detail yet, the following text is recommended as an introduction:

- Zorach, C. & Melin, Ch. **English Grammar for Students of German.** The Olivia and Hill Press 2001.

A more comprehensive overview of German grammar can be found in the following German grammar, written in English:

- Kars, J., Häussermann, U. & J. Hime-Everschor **German Elementary Grammar** Frankfurt: Diesterweg 1993.

A very comprehensive German grammar written in German for the language learner who is already familiar with grammatical terminology is:

- Dreyer, H. & R. Schmitt **Lehr- und Übungsbuch der deutschen Grammatik. Die Gelbe aktuell.** Hueber 2009 or later.

In addition to explanations of German grammar, there are numerous exercises, which will be covered in the Advanced German units (GMN 310 & GMN 311).

Another very comprehensive grammar written in English for learners of German familiar with grammatical terminology is :

- Durell, M. / Hammer, A. **Hammer's German Grammar and Usage (5th edition)** Hodder 2011.

DICTIONARIES

You will need to work with a German dictionary in this course. A smaller dictionary (e.g. Collins, Pons, Langenscheidt etc) will be sufficient for this unit, but for continued study of German you might want to buy a more comprehensive one.

A dictionary which is sufficiently comprehensive to take you through your complete program of German studies is:

- Terrell, P. et al **Collins German-English, English-German** (Großwörterbuch Deutsch-Englisch, Englisch-Deutsch)

We suggest that you start working with a monolingual dictionary as soon as possible. In a

monolingual dictionary, an explanation of the German word is given in German. There is one such dictionary written with the intermediate and upper intermediate level learner of German in mind, which we recommend:

- Götz, D., Haensch, G. & H. Wellmann **Langenscheidts Großwörterbuch Deutsch als Fremdsprache** Berlin/München: Langenscheidt (latest edition)
- A good online dictionaries is <http://dict.leo.org/>

TECHNOLOGY USED AND REQUIRED

Online Unit

Login is via: <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/>

Is my unit in iLearn?: <http://help.ilearn.mq.edu.au/unitsonline/> to check when your online unit will become available.

Technology

Students are required to have regular access to a computer and the internet. Mobile devices alone are not sufficient.

For students attending classes on campus we strongly encourage that you bring along your own laptop computer, ready to work with activities in your online unit. The preferred operating system is Windows 10.

Students are required to access the online unit in iLearn by the end of Week 1 and follow any relevant instructions and links for downloads that may be required. If applicable, students are required to download the relevant language package prior to Week 2.

Please contact your course convenor **before** the end of **Week 1** if you do not have a suitable laptop (or tablet) for in-class use.

- For central technical support go to: http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/
- For student quick guides on the use of iLearn go to: <https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/tools-and-resources/ilearn/ilearn-quick-guides-for-students>

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)

- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Undergraduate students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central](http://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<http://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/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/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

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) 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

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

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

Graduate Capabilities

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:

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Assessment tasks

- Assignments
- Class Presentation/Project
- Participation and self-study
- Final Test

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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

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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.

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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

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Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR)

The unit aims at fostering language skills to level B1, described as follows in the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR): Can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. Can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe

experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.