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Department of International Studies

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General Information

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Credit points

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Prerequisites

GRMN1030 or GRMN1045

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

Through this unit students are able to become independent users of German. It provides activities for developing German reading, comprehension, writing and speaking skills. This unit corresponds to the third level (B1) on the six-level scale of competence laid down in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

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:

ULO1: Develop intermediate level skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking in the German language.

ULO2: Identify, describe and evaluate many aspects of German-speaking cultures and societies.

ULO3: Identify, evaluate and deploy the grammatical structures of German at intermediate level.

ULO4: Apply relevant language conventions to create meaningful intercultural encounters.

ULO5: Demonstrate a refined awareness of language and language use, in both German and in English.

Assessment Tasks

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Assessment details are no longer provided here as a result of changes due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Students should consult [iLearn](#) for revised unit information.

[Find out more about the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and potential impacts on staff and students](#)

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.

Delivery and Resources

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Any references to on-campus delivery below may no longer be relevant due to COVID-19.

Please check here for updated delivery information: https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/pub/display/unit_status

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:

- Koithan, U. et al (2017): **Aspekte Neu. Mittelstufe Deutsch. Lehrbuch B1 plus.** Stuttgart: Ernst Klett Verlag. ISBN: 978-3-12-605016-6 (hard copy)/ NP00860501503 (tablet version)

and workbook:

- Koithan, U. et al (2017): **Aspekte Neu. Mittelstufe Deutsch. Arbeitsbuch mit Audio-CD B1 plus.** Stuttgart: Ernst Klett Verlag. ISBN: 978-3-12-605017-3 (hard copy necessary!)

together with the audio-/video-material for the course provided via the "Klett Augmented" app.

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/>

All unit texts/materials will be available for purchase through <https://www.booktopia.com.au/coop>.

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>

Unit Schedule

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Topics covered in this unit:

- Über Personen sprechen
- Wohnen
- Gesundheit
- Freizeitbeschäftigungen
- Bildung & Lernstrategien
- Berufserfahrungen
- Familie & Lebensformen
- Konsum
- Reisen
- Umweltschutz

A detailed Semesterplan is provided on iLearn.

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.*)

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 help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

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.

Changes from Previous Offering

Please note that a new textbook has been implemented for this unit!

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.