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I German Studies 1

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General Information

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Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This introductory German unit is intended for students with little or no previous knowledge of German. It seeks to develop students' skills in reading, writing, comprehension and speaking. The book used in this unit follows a communicative approach, with additional material offered online. The unit includes material on general cultural aspects of life in Germany. It corresponds to the first level (A1) 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 elementary level skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking in the German language.

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

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

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

ULO5: Demonstrate an awareness of some language and language use in both German and English.

General Assessment Information

Indicative examples of assessment tasks will be available on iLearn.

Late Assessment Penalty

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, a 5% penalty (of the total possible mark) will be applied each day a written assessment is not submitted, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a mark of '0' (zero) will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. Submission time for all written assessments is set at 11.55pm. A 1-hour grace period is provided to students who experience a technical issue. This late penalty will apply to written reports and recordings only. Late submission of time sensitive tasks (such as tests/exams, performance assessments/presentations, scheduled practical assessments/labs will be addressed by the unit convenor in a Special consideration application.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Online Tests	45%	No	30/03/25 11:55 pm; 11/05/25 11:55 pm & 08/06/25 11:55 pm
Assignments	30%	No	W7 Sunday 13/04/25 11:55pm & W10 Sunday 18/05/25 11:55 pm
Oral Test	25%	No	W12 Friday 30/05/2025 during usual class time

Online Tests

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 11 hours

Due: **30/03/25 11:55 pm; 11/05/25 11:55 pm & 08/06/25 11:55 pm**

Weighting: **45%**

Students complete various short tests of mixed question types.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Develop elementary level skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking in the German language.
- Identify, evaluate and deploy the grammatical structures of German at elementary level.
- Demonstrate an awareness of some language and language use in both German and English.

Assignments

Assessment Type ¹: Log book

Indicative Time on Task ²: 10 hours

Due: **W7 Sunday 13/04/25 11:55pm & W10 Sunday 18/05/25 11:55 pm**

Weighting: **30%**

Students engage with a variety of low-stakes writing tasks and activities in the target language to demonstrate active engagement with class content.

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- Develop elementary level skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking in the German language.
- Identify, describe and evaluate a few aspects of German-speaking cultures and societies.
- Identify, evaluate and deploy the grammatical structures of German at elementary level.
- Demonstrate an awareness of some language and language use in both German and English.

Oral Test

Assessment Type ¹: Simulation/role play

Indicative Time on Task ²: 10 hours

Due: **W12 Friday 30/05/2025 during usual class time**

Weighting: **25%**

Students are assessed in pairs and engage in a conversation in the target language.

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- Identify, describe and evaluate a few aspects of German-speaking cultures and societies.
- Apply relevant language conventions to create meaningful intercultural encounters.
- Demonstrate an awareness of some language and language use in both German and English.

¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

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

REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED TEXTS AND/OR MATERIALS

Required texts (additional information and hints for purchase will follow in class):

- Author: Evans et al. *Momente A1. Kursbuch plus interaktive Version*. ISBN 978-3-19-501791-6
- Author: Glas-Peters et al. *Momente A1. Arbeitsbuch plus interaktive Version*. ISBN 978-3-19-511791-3
- Please note that we will use the Macquarie University iLearn site to provide additional content. The (McGraw Hill) Connect platform will **not** be used in the GRMN units.

Recommended texts:

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

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 systems are Windows 10 or 11.

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

Please find an up to date Semesterplan on iLearn.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au). 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](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

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

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/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 connect.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe [academic integrity](#) – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free [online writing and maths support](#), [academic skills development](#) and [wellbeing consultations](#).

Student Support

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

The Writing Centre

[The Writing Centre](#) provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Workshops](#)
- [Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader](#)
- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
- [Complete the 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

Macquarie University offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) including:

- [IT Support](#)
- [Accessibility and disability support](#) with study
- Mental health [support](#)
- [Safety support](#) to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- [Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues](#)
- [Student Advocacy](#) provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via the [Service Connect Portal](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

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.

Unit information based on version 2025.03 of the [Handbook](#)