

Deutsch 1 - Semester 1 - Syllabus

Learning a language can be rewarding in a great number of ways. I often hear from former students about how they were able to use their German skills, in the military, at work, while traveling, to connect with family, while studying abroad or sometimes just for their own personal growth. In German 1, you will begin a language learning journey that will change your life! Learning a language doesn't happen overnight. To be sure, it will take dedication and practice on your part. I hope that you build confidence, learn about other cultures and experience new things along the way. Please keep in touch with me to tell me how you are using your German skills!

Curriculum by unit themes:

Wer bist du? (Who are you?) In this unit, students will learn how to introduce themselves. Introductions will include greetings and basic personal information like name, age, where your from and how you get to school. Students will also learn how to close a conversation with a good-bye.

Spiel und Spaß (free time, fun and interests) In this unit, students will dive into the world of verbs to discuss what they like to do in their free time.

Komm mit nach Hause! (family and life at home) In this unit, students will learn how to describe relationships and talk about appearance.

Alles für die Schule! (everything related to school) In this unit, students will learn how to talk about their school day including schedules and required materials.

[Curriculum map with learning targets](#)

Pacing:

I'll teach and you'll learn four units this semester. At the end of each unit you'll be assessed over all of the content for that unit. Expect smaller assessments along the way so I can keep my eyes on learning and come back around to anything we've missed before the end of the unit. Language learning takes practice in *reading, writing, listening and speaking*. You will practice all of those on the days we are together when possible. Assessments will include all of those areas, too. We'll have 8 to 9 class periods, 90 minutes each, to complete each unit.

[Pacing Calendar](#)

Required materials include:

Paper

Pencil or pen (blank or blue ink)

Chromebook

Access to the internet at home (IMPORTANT! Please tell me if this isn't possible.)

Textbook:

Komm Mit! Level 1 (classroom set, please do not take home!)

Policies - To keep our classroom safe and learning equitable I ask that:

Students wear an appropriate face mask

Students remain in their assigned seat

Students respect school property

Students respect classmates belongings

Students respect everyone's time

Students show effort in learning and demonstrate academic integrity

Students are appreciative of others' experiences and backgrounds

Students raise their hand and advocate for themselves when there is a need

Students follow all handbook rules

In turn, I pledge to:

Know my content area as best as I possibly can

Share my personal experiences in my content area

Show enthusiasm for the learning process

Look for opportunities to contextualize learning

Assess learning in fair and familiar ways

Seek to understand who you are and what is important to you

Show respect for your belongings and time

Appreciate your interests

Encourage you

Provide meaningful feedback

Grading:

In Synergy Gradebook you'll notice 2 types, or categories for grades in German I:

Prüfungen and *Übungen*.

Prüfungen are assessments (tests, quizzes, performances, projects).

Übungen are activities and assignments.

Your *Marking Period* grade will be calculated as follows:

Prüfungen - 70%

Übungen - 30%

Your *Final Grade* will be calculated as follows:

Marking Period - 80%

Exam - 20%