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**Course description:** In Elementary German I you will learn the basics of German. This should enable you to get around in a German-speaking country by using German. The course will use a communicative methodology – you will learn to speak German and not only memorize vocabulary. Another important part of the course will be the establishment of a good grammatical base. Our textbook will be “Deutsch heute”. At the end of the semester you should know the grammar and the basic language capabilities, which are the learning goals in the first six chapters of this book. We will also watch one German movie.

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**Schedule of classes**

**Week 1**
13 February - Overview of course; Getting acquainted
15 February - Introd. Chap.: Numbers; Nouns, gender

**Week 2**
20 February - Chap.1: The present tense; In the restaurant
22 February - Chap.1: The words *gern* and *nicht*; Telling time

**Week 3**
27 February - Chap.1: The alphabet; Interrogative pronouns; Questions
29 February - Chap.2: The verbs *haben* and *sein*; Word order

**Week 4**
5 March - Chap.2: Negation with *nicht* and *kein*; The nominative case; The weather
7 March - Chap.2: Possessive adjectives; Plural forms; Vocabulary quiz I (Chap.1+2)
Week 5
12 March - Chap.3: Imperatives; In the shop
14 March - Chap.3: The accusative case; Flavoring particles

Week 6
19 March - Chap.3: Accusative of pronouns; The euro
21 March - Chap.3: Demonstrative pronouns; Accusative prepositions

Week 7
26 March - Chap.4: Verbs with stem-vowel shifts; The verbs *werden, wissen, kennen*
28 March - Midterm test (Chap. 1-3)

Week 8
2 April - Chap.4: Modal auxiliaries; The educational system in Germany
4 April - Chap.4: The verbs *mögen* and *möchten*; Family and relatives

Week 9 - SPRING BREAK - NO CLASSES

Week 10
16 April - Chap.4: Separable-prefix verbs; Being a student; Professions
18 April - Chap.5: The verbs *gefallen, fahren, gehen*; Austria

Week 11
23 April - Chap.5: Conjunctions; Vocabulary quiz II (Chap.3+4)
25 April - Chap.5: The dative case; Public transportation

Week 12
30 April - Chap.5: Dative verbs; Dative prepositions; Giving directions
2 May - Chap.6: The present perfect tense; Free time

Week 13
7 May - Chap.6: Past participles; Computer and television
9 May - Chap.6: Infinitives used as nouns; Holidays and vacation

Week 14
14 May - Adjective endings; Clothing
16 May - Ordinal numbers; Review

Week 15
21 May - Final exam