

STUDY GUIDE

GERMAN FOR BEGINNERS 26-27 S1

Organised by

**Brandenburgische Technische
Universität Cottbus - Senftenberg**

1. IDENTIFYING DATA.

· Course Name.	German for beginners	
· Coordinating University.	Brandenburgische Technische Universität Cottbus - Senftenberg	
· Partner Universities Involved.	N/A	
· Course Field(s).	Modern language	
· Related Study Programme.	N/A	
· ISCED Code.	0231	
· SDG.	https://sdgs.un.org/goals : 4, 17	
· Study Level.	students (B, M, PhD) + staff	
· EUNICE Key Competencies	Green - strongly	
	Orange- moderately	
	Red - partially	
	Blank cell - not at all	
	Problem solving	moderately
	Teamworking	
	Communication	strongly
	Self-management	strongly
	Cognitive flexibility	strongly
Digital competence		
Technical competence	moderately	
Global intercultural competence	strongly	

· Number of ECTS credits allocated.	2 ECTS
· Mode of Delivery.	Online self-study
· Language of Instruction.	English
· Course Dates.	02. October – 11. December 2026
· Precise Schedule of the Lectures.	No synchronous lectures, all assignments asynchronously on Moodle. The correction of the assignments will take place on Monday morning, Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning.

· Key Words.	Practical situations, basics, survival German
· Catchy Phrase.	Getting a taste of German

· Prerequisites and co-requisites.	The course is for beginners in German, below A1.1 - Available for students (B,M,PhD) and staff members of EUNICE universities.
· Number of EUNICE students that can attend the Course.	Maximum 50 (no students from BTU)
· Course inscription procedure(s).	Standard EUNICE procedure

2. CONTACT DETAILS.

· Department.	Brandenburgische Technische Universität Cottbus - Senftenberg Zentrale Einrichtung Sprachen, Campus Senftenberg
· Name of Lecturer.	Katharina Timm
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· Other Lecturers.	Kristina Klug

3. COURSE CONTENT.

During this course the student will learn the very basic words and phrases of German in different everyday situations:

- greetings
- numbers – telling the time, prices
- most common phrases connected to studying: library, lectures, exercises, seminars, official functions, socializing, life on campus
- everyday practical situations: shopping, food, going to a café/restaurant/bar, buying a train ticket, concert ticket, movie ticket online

They will also get information about German culture and society:

- How do we talk to people (formal vs. informal)?
- National idiosyncracies

Basic information about the Brandenburg University of Technology and possibilities to deepen the language skills while in Germany is provided.

4. LEARNING OUTCOMES.

The student will learn how German works as a language, how to understand simple texts and find information in them. The student will also get practice in listening comprehension and learn how

to correctly pronounce German. Moreover, they will learn about the very basics about German society and culture.

5. OBJECTIVES.

Practice of receptive skills and strategies needed to manage everyday situations in German and motivation of students to deepen their skills in German.

To convey an understanding of culturally significant factors.

6. COURSE ORGANISATION.

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| 1. | Guten Tag und hallo! |
| 2. | An der BTU |
| 3. | Meine Familie |
| 4. | Sauerkraut und Brot |
| 5. | Ein typischer Tag |
| 6. | Leben in Cottbus und Senftenberg |

LEARNING RESOURCES AND TOOLS.

Self-study course on Moodle. Firefox as a browser is strongly recommended.

PLANNED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND TEACHING METHODS.

Videos, speaking assignments, exercises in Moodle.

7. ASSESSMENT METHODS, CRITERIA AND PERIOD.

The course is overall evaluated with pass and fail. The course is passed successfully by having worked through the six units and the assignments need to be passed with the minimum of 50% of the score. Each unit finishes with a short speaking test.

Each question carries 2 points (0.5 content, 0.5 grammar, 0.5 pronunciation, 0.5 vocabulary).

OBSERVATIONS.

8. BIBLIOGRAPHY AND TEACHING MATERIALS.

All material needed will be in Moodle.