



CIEE Global Institute – Berlin

Course name:	Survival German
Course number:	NONCR GERM BRGE
Programs offering course:	Berlin Open Campus, Berlin Global Architecture + Design, Berlin Global Internship
Language of instruction:	German
U.S. semester credits:	0
Contact hours:	15
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Course Description

This course is designed for students who wish to learn basic skills for communicating in German during their study program in Berlin. The aim of the course is to provide the linguistic tools necessary for students to communicate effectively and to gain a better understanding of the way of life in Berlin. Students practice using German in everyday situations through role-playing, site visits, and classroom instruction that makes use of a variety of media that illuminate daily life in Germany.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of Survival German, students will be able to:

- Introduce themselves
- Spell and count in German
- Ask information
- Order food and drinks
- Talk about daily routines and leisure activities
- Talk about family
- Express likes and dislikes

Course Prerequisites

None.

Course Materials

All handouts will be provided by CIEE.



Weekly Schedule

NOTE: this schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor to take advantage of current experiential learning opportunities.

Week 1

- 1.1 Greetings and Introductions
Communicative functions: Understanding international words in German; greetings and introductions; (*Internationale Wörter auf Deutsch verstehen; jemanden begrüßen; sich und andere vorstellen;*)

Vocabulary and grammar: Question words (where, how, etc.); prepositions using in and of/from/out of; declarative sentences. (*Fragesätze mit wie, wo und wohin; Präpositionen in und aus; Aussagesätze.*)
- 1.2 Asking Basic Questions
Communicative functions: Asking others for their name and origin; Practice asking and responding to basic questions (where do you live, , what do you study?). (*Nach Namen und Herkunft fragen. Fragen und Antworten auf grundlegende Fragen [wo lebst du, was studierst du?]*)

Vocabulary and grammar: Interrogative sentences with whence/where from and what; verb conjugation in the present tense. (*Fragesätze mit woher und was; Verben im Präsens.*)

Week 2

- 2.1 The Alphabet
Communicative functions: Spelling in German. (*Buchstabieren;*)

Vocabulary and grammar: The alphabet. (*Das Alphabet.*)

- 2.2 Ordering in a restaurant and shopping
Communicative functions: Ordering and paying for things. (*Etwas bestellen und bezahlen.*)
- Vocabulary and grammar: Conjugating the verb to be; paying. (*Das Verb sein; Zahlen.*)

Week 3

- 3.1 Asking Increasingly Complex Questions
Communicative functions: Communication in the course; asking questions and being understood. (*Sich im Kurs verständigen; Fragen stellen, um Wiederholung bitten.*)
- Vocabulary and grammar: Singular and plural nouns; definite and indefinite articles. (*Nomen: Singular und Plural; Artikel: der, das, die / ein, eine.*)
- 3.2 Asking for Specific Items
Communicative functions: Asking for items and knowing their names. (*Gegenständen fragen und sie benennen.*)
- Vocabulary and grammar: Negation using none; conjugating the verb to have. (*Verneinung: kein, keine; das Verb haben.*)

Week 4

- 4.1 Review Session 1
Communicative functions: Speak about cities, neighborhoods and sights (focusing on Berlin). (*Über Städte, Nachbarschaften und Sehenswürdigkeiten sprechen [Fokus: Berlin]*)
- Vocabulary and grammar: Conjugation of the verb “to be” in the past tense; 5 W questions; declarative sentences and yes/no questions in the

accusative case. (*Präteritum von sein; W-Fragen; Aussagesätze und Satzfragen Artikel im Akkusativ.*)

- 4.2 Speaking about countries and languages
Communicative functions: Reading maps and plans. (*Über Länder und Sprachen sprechen; Grafiken auswerten.*)

Vocabulary and grammar: Possessive articles in the nominative case; adjectives used in sentences. (*Possessivartikel im Nominativ; Adjektive im Satz.*)

Week 5

- 5.1 Discussing Living Situations
Communicative functions: Describing apartments and houses; speaking about living in other countries. (*Wohnungen und Häuser beschreiben; über Wohnen in anderen Ländern sprechen.*)

Vocabulary and grammar: Questions with when. (*Fragesätze mit wann.*)

- 5.2 Discussing Housing in Berlin
Communicative functions: Housing in Berlin. (*Berliner Wohnung.*)

Vocabulary and grammar: Prepositions. (*Präpositionen am, um, von...bis.*)

Week 6

- 6.1 Making appointments and asking directions
Communicative functions: Describing time and dates; talking about daily routines; making appointments and asking for directions to them. (*Beschreiben Zeitangaben machen; über Tagesabläufe sprechen; Termine machen und sich verabreden nach dem Weg fragen.*)

Vocabulary and grammar: Separable prefix verbs in the present tense; negation using not; (*Trennbare Verben im Präsens; Verneinung mit nicht*).

6.2

Final Review

Communicative functions: Discussing public transport. (*Über öffentliche Transportmittel sprechen.*)

Vocabulary and grammar: Conjugating the verb “to have” in the past tense. (*Präteritum von haben.*)