



COURSE OUTLINE  
**German**

## Unit 1 : Introductions

### Chapter 1. Salutations and Small Talk

#### Conversational Goals

- Express Gratitude
- Greet People
- Make Small Talk with Strangers
- Say Goodbye

#### Grammar Goals

- Form Negative Sentences
- Learn Definite and Indefinite Articles
- Learn Forms of the Verb **sein**
- Understand Patterns in Verb Formation
- Use Adjectives as Predicates

### Chapter 2. Languages and Origins

#### Conversational Goals

- Ask and Tell What Language Someone Speaks
- Ask and Tell Where Someone Is From
- Get Someone's Attention

#### Grammar Goals

- Form Information Questions
- Learn Negation with **Kein**
- Learn Some Regular and Irregular Verbs
- Learn the Modal Verb **Können**
- Practice Yes/No-Questions

### Chapter 3. Introductions and Professions

#### Conversational Goals

- Ask Someone's Name
- Introduce Yourself and Another Person
- Recognize Common German Names
- Respond to Introductions
- Say That You Are Not Someone or Something

#### Grammar Goals

- Learn about the Accusative Case
- Learn Pronouns and Their Declensions
- Learn Question Formation
- Learn the Conjugation and Spelling Rules for the Verb **Heißen**
- Learn the Modal Verb **Möchten**

### Chapter 4. Personal Info and Preferences

#### Conversational Goals

- Ask and Answer Questions at a Hotel Reception
- Present Facts about Yourself
- Provide Your Address and Phone Number
- Talk About Likes and Dislikes
- Use Basic Color Words

#### Grammar Goals

- Ask and Answer Questions with **Welch-**
- Get to Know Verbs with Separable Prefixes
- Learn Plural Forms of Nouns
- Learn to Use the Irregular Verb **Haben**
- Use Subject-Verb Inversion

# Unit 2 : Connections

## Chapter 1. Places and Directions

### Conversational Goals

- Ask for Directions
- Get Around Using Public Transportation in Germany
- Get Help Finding Places Using a Map
- Name Important Places and Facilities Around Town
- Understand Directions Given to You

### Grammar Goals

- Improve Your Understanding of Accusative Case
- Learn the Declensions of the Indefinite and Definite Articles
- Learn the Different Conjugations of **Sein**
- Learn to Apply Verb Conjugation Rules to a Variety of Verbs
- Learn to Use the Modal Verb **Können**

## Chapter 2. Currency and Counting Conversational Goals

### Conversational Goals

- Count up to 99
- Deal with German Currency
- Learn to Say the Date, Month and Year.
- Negotiate Basic Transactions at Stores
- Use Basic Mathematical Expressions

### Grammar Goals

- Apply Adjective Declension After the Indefinite and Definite Article
- Form Ordinal Numbers
- Form Questions Using the Question Words **Wo**, **Was**, and **Wieviel**
- Use the Stative Passive **Geschlossen** and **Geöffnet**
- Use the Verbs **Kosten**, **Suchen**, **Nehmen** and **Bekommen**

## Chapter 3. Food and Drink Culture

### Conversational Goals

- Communicate Likes and Dislikes
- Order Drinks and Meals at a Restaurant
- Talk about Simple Processes
- Understand Common Phrases Used at a Restaurant
- Understand German Restaurant Etiquette

### Grammar Goals

- Form Compound Nouns
- Learn to Use Adjectives as Nouns
- Practice Plural Forms of Nouns
- Practice Regular and Irregular Verbs
- Use Future Tense

## Chapter 4. Transportation and Payment

### Conversational Goals

- Discuss Payment Methods
- Learn to Tell Time
- Make Reservations at a Hotel and Check In
- Speak about Giving Something to Someone
- Talk about Your Future Plans

### Grammar Goals

- Form Sentences with Indirect Objects
- Learn the Verb **Helfen**
- Learn to Use the Phrase **Es Gibt**
- Use Comparatives of Adjectives
- Use Different Types of Prepositions

## Chapter 5. Help and Requests

### Conversational Goals

- Accept or Decline Help
- Ask for and Offer Help
- Describe Emergency Situations
- Gain Knowledge of Emergency Services in Germany
- Talk about How You Feel Physically

### Grammar Goals

- Learn to Use Subordinate Conjunctions
- Learn to Use the Formal Imperative
- Practice the Modal Verbs **Können**, **Sollen**, and **Möchten**
- Use Dative Constructions with **Mir**
- Use Possessive Pronouns

## Chapter 6. Clarification and Explanation

### Conversational Goals

- Approach Someone with a Question
- Communicate Your Ability to Understand Something
- Inquire About Do's And Don'ts
- Inquire About the Meaning of a Word or Phrase
- Request to Repeat, Slow Down, or Speak Up

### Grammar Goals

- Form Subordinate Clauses with **Ob**
- Learn the Irregular Verbs **Sehen**, **Sprechen**, and **Aussprechen**
- Learn to Use the Present Perfect Tense
- Practice the Simple Past Form **War**
- Use the Modal Verbs **Müssen** and **Dürfen**

## Chapter 7. Compliments and Corrections

### Conversational Goals

- Add Some Flavor to Your Speech and Sound Like a Native
- Discuss How to Learn Something
- Form Compound Words
- Make Compliments and Express Appreciation
- Recognize Some True and Some False German Friends

### Grammar Goals

- Learn More About the Simple Past with **war**
- Make Comparisons Using **Als** and **Wie**
- Practice Subject-Verb Inversion
- Practice Using Subordinating and Coordinating Conjunctions
- Use Infinitive Constructions with **Zu** and **Um Zu**

## Chapter 8. Relatives and Pets

### Conversational Goals

- Address Family Members Using Kinship Terms
- Describe a Person's Appearance
- Provide Biographical Information
- Talk About Characteristics and Personality Types
- Talk About Your Pets

### Grammar Goals

- Become Comfortable with Different Prepositions
- Learn More Stem-Changing Verbs
- Practice Possessive Pronouns
- Practice Using the Past Tense
- Review Dative Case in Different Contexts

## Chapter 9. Household Rooms and Items

### Conversational Goals

- Describe Items Inside a House
- Describe Locations and Spatial Relations
- Name Shades of Colors Precisely
- Refer to Rooms and Locations in and Around a House
- Talk About Items at Your Office

### Grammar Goals

- Express Direction with **Hinein**, **Heraus**, and More
- Learn the Prefixes **Hell-** and **Dunkel-**
- Talk about Location Using Two-Case Prepositions
- Use the Informal and **Wir**-Imperative
- Use **Stehen** to Talk about Location

## Chapter 10. Career and Hobbies

### Conversational Goals

- Discuss Social Events
- Politely Decline an Invitation
- Share Likes and Dislikes
- Talk About Different Types of Sports
- Talk About Hobbies

### Grammar Goals

- Comfortably Use the Particle **Ja**
- Practice the **Wir**-Imperative
- Use Nouns that Follow Adjective Declension
- Use the Second Person Informal Plural **Ihr**
- Use Time, Manner, and Place Phrases

# Unit 3 : Community

## Chapter 1. Friends and Relationships

### Conversational Goals

- Ask Someone to Dance
- Establish Whether You Have Met Someone Before
- Inquire About Someone's Habits
- Introduce Yourself
- Strike Up a Conversation

### Grammar Goals

- Express Preferences with **Lieber**
- Get to Know More Reflexive Verbs
- Practice the Future Tense
- Reinforce the Use of Direct Objects
- Use the Past Tense

## Chapter 2. Cooking and Eating

### Conversational Goals

- Express Your Like or Dislike of Certain Foods
- Learn About Common German Foods
- Refer to Food Preparation Processes
- Talk About Different Meals
- Talk About the Ingredients of a Dish

### Grammar Goals

- Get Introduced to Passive Voice
- Practice the Impersonal Third Person Pronoun **Man**
- Reinforce the Past Tense
- Use the **Ihr**-Imperative

## Chapter 3. Weather and Landscapes

### Conversational Goals

- Describe the Land
- Describe the Weather
- Discuss Activities Pertaining to Weather and Land
- Use Proper Measurement for Temperature and Distance

### Grammar Goals

- Express the Concept of "should" with **Soll** and **Sollte**
- Learn More About Forming Compound Words
- Practice the Future Tense
- Reinforce the Past Tense

## Chapter 4. Shopping and Apparel

### Conversational Goals

- Inquire About Store Hours
- Make Compliments About Someone's Clothes
- Talk About Different Types of Stores
- Talk About Shopping for Clothing and Groceries
- Understand German Sizing and Measurements

### Grammar Goals

- Learn More About Separable Prefixes
- Learn to Use the Verb **Gefallen**
- Practice the Question Words **Wie viel**, **Welche**, **Wo**, and **Wann**
- Reinforce Compound Words
- Reinforce Using Modal Verbs

## Chapter 5. Tasks and Errands

### Conversational Goals

- Ask for Help with Running Errands
- Discuss Running Errands
- Invite Someone to Join You for an Activity
- Use Basic Banking and Financial Terms
- Use the Post Office

### Grammar Goals

- Imply Verbs After "Must"
- Learn to Use Relative Pronouns
- Reinforce the Future Tense
- Use More Compound Words
- Use More Reflexive Verbs

## Chapter 6. Recreation and Relaxation

### Conversational Goals

- Discuss Means of Getting Somewhere
- Make Plans for an Activity
- Remind Someone to Bring Something
- Suggest Going Somewhere
- Talk About Your Plans for the Year

### Grammar Goals

- Form More Compound Words
- Practice Informal Imperatives
- Practice Two-Case Prepositions with Destinations
- Reinforce the Use of Relative Pronouns
- Use Different Verbs in the Past Tense

## Chapter 7. Travel and Tourism

### Conversational Goals

- Ask About and Discuss a Famous Person and Local History
- Ask to See Less Common Places
- Ask to See Well-Known Places
- Discuss Famous Places and Their History
- State an Idea

### Grammar Goals

- Learn the Impersonal Possessive Pronouns **Sein** and **Ihr**
- Practice the Different Words for "Should"
- Practice Using Different Verbs for Different Means of "Going"
- Practice Using the Verb **Gefallen**
- Reinforce the Use of Relative Pronouns

## Chapter 8. Physical Descriptions and Humor

### Conversational Goals

- Add Humor to a Situation
- Describe Someone's Appearance
- Describe Someone's Personality
- Express Uncertainty
- Talk About Your Memories

### Grammar Goals

- Apply Gender Agreement to the Phrase "The One That"
- Apply the Dative Case Modifications with the Verb "To Seem"
- Learn a Translation For "People"
- Practice Using Reflexive Verbs
- Reinforce the Use of the Preposition **An** With "To Remember" for Past Events

## Chapter 9. Opinions and Popular Culture

### Conversational Goals

- Discuss Artists and Their Work
- Say Whether You Are Familiar with Someone or Something
- Talk About Events
- Talk About Famous Authors and Books
- Talk About Local Music

### Grammar Goals

- Learn Some English Words Used in the German Language
- Learn the Gender Rule for Professions
- Practice Past Tense
- Practice the Plural Form for Mixed Gender Groups
- Practice Using Dates

## Unit 4 : Lifestyle

### Chapter 1. Historic People and Events

#### Conversational Goals

- Discuss the Country's Origin
- Give the Date of an Event With Confidence
- Talk About Famous People in Local History
- Talk About Historical Figures and Their Influence
- Talk About Wars and Other Historical Events

#### Grammar Goals

- Express the Passive Voice in the Perfect Tense
- Form New Compound Words
- Practice the Simple Past Tense
- Practice Using Passive Voice in the Simple Past Tense

### Chapter 2. Hospital and Pharmacy

#### Conversational Goals

- Describe Feelings of Pain or Illness
- Name a Kind of Medicine
- Respond to Medical Questions
- Talk About What Happened to You

#### Grammar Goals

- Form Subordinate Clauses Using **Dass**, **Denn**, and **Wenn**
- Practice the Formal Imperative Form
- Use Nouns Derived from Verbs to Express Progressivity
- Use the Present Tense to Refer to Ongoing Events That Began in the Past
- Use **Fehlen** to Inquire About Medical Issues

### Chapter 3. Thoughts and Emotions

#### Conversational Goals

- Describe or Explain Your Emotions
- Express Feelings
- Offer Sympathy
- Talk About Childhood Experiences

#### Grammar Goals

- Differentiate Between the Two Uses of "If": **Ob** and **Wenn**
- Differentiate Between the Uses of "When": **Wenn**, **Wann**, and **Als**
- Learn the Simple Past Tense of Different Verbs
- Learn to Use the Dative Case
- Reinforce the Use of Reflexive Verbs

### Chapter 4. College and University Life

#### Conversational Goals

- Ask What School Someone Attended
- Discuss Progress in a Study Program
- Discuss School Assignments
- Inquire About a Field of Study
- Talk About What You Learn in a Field of Study

#### Grammar Goals

- Apply the Dative Ending to Words Following **Seit**
- Learn to Use Modal Verbs in Past Tense
- Use a Double Infinitive with Two Modal Verbs
- Use **Dann** to Indicate Future Tense
- Use **Seit** with a Present Tense Verb to Indicate Present Perfect Tense

## Chapter 5. Family and Name Origins

### Conversational Goals

- Ask About the Origin of a Name
- Comment on Someone's Name
- Describe the Nature of a Guest's Visit
- Identify Your Relationship with Someone
- Use Various Expressions to Introduce Someone

### Grammar Goals

- Apply Gender Agreement to the Impersonal Pronoun "It"
- Learn the Phrase "To Remember" for Past Events
- Learn to Form the Superlative of Adjectives
- Reinforce the Use of Dative and Accusative Pronouns
- Reinforce the Use of Passive With the Past Tense

## Chapter 6. Food Allergies and Ingredients

### Conversational Goals

- Ask if Someone Wants to Taste a Food
- Give Compliments on Food
- Talk About Dietary Habits
- Talk About Hunger and Food Cravings
- Talk About the Ingredients of a Dish

### Grammar Goals

- Learn a Translation for "To Try"
- Learn the Structure **Lust haben auf** with a Noun
- Reinforce the Use of Gender Specific Relative Pronouns
- Reinforce the Use of Verbs in the Present Tense with **Seit**
- Use the Informal Imperative Form

## Chapter 7. Social Events and Gatherings

### Conversational Goals

- Compliment Someone on Their Clothing or Appearance
- Discuss Planning, Postponing or Canceling an Event
- Express That One Event is Dependent on Another
- Say You Have to Verify Something
- Talk About Personal Care and Grooming

### Grammar Goals

- Learn to Form Comparatives with **Als**
- Practice a Translation for "To Wear"
- Reinforce the Informal Imperative Verb Form
- Use the Reflexive Verb **Sich schminken**
- Use **Bevor**, **Während**, and **Nachdem** to Express a Sequence of Events

## Chapter 8. Sports and Fitness

### Conversational Goals

- Comment on an Activity and Its Effects
- Discuss Sport and Exercise Habits
- Discuss Your Daily Routine
- Invite Someone to Join a Group
- Talk About Your Hobbies

### Grammar Goals

- Learn Special Uses for Prepositions
- Practice Exceptional Uses of the Dative Case
- Practice Reflexive and Non-Reflexive Use of Verbs
- Practice Using **Sein** with Past Participles
- Use the Expression ... **Bescheid sagen**



## Chapter 9. Movies and TV

### Conversational Goals

- Describe Aspects of Movie Making
- Discuss a Movie or Acting
- Give a Contrary Opinion
- Summarize the Plot of a Movie

### Grammar Goals

- Learn to Imply Nouns in Established Context
- Reinforce the Simple Past
- Use the Expression **Mensch!**

# Unit 5 : Ambitions

## Chapter 1. Airports and Customs

### Conversational Goals

- Interact with Airport Employees
- Present and Request Identification
- Understand Airport and Flight Travel Rules
- Understand Airport Notifications
- Understand and Respond to Security Questions and Commands

### Grammar Goals

- Practice Genitive Case
- Practice Sentences with Implied Verbs
- Practice Using Modal Verbs
- Reinforce Formal and Informal Imperatives
- Review the Past Tense of Verbs with Separable Prefixes

## Chapter 2. Hotels and Local Attractions

### Conversational Goals

- Check in to and out of a Hotel
- Discuss Hotel Features and Services
- Express Future Desires
- Offer Help
- Understand Local Laws and Rules

### Grammar Goals

- Express Time Beyond the Full Hour
- Learn a New Translation For "To Do"
- Learn the Prefix **Ab-**
- Practice Using the Passive Voice in the Present Tense
- Reinforce the Use of Relative Pronouns

## Chapter 3. House Hunting and Moving

### Conversational Goals

- Accentuate the Positive Aspects of a Living Space
- Discuss Features of Homes or Apartments
- Inquire About Possible Homes
- Outline Steps to Take Before Moving In

### Grammar Goals

- Form New Compound Nouns
- Learn a New Translation for "To Look At"
- Learn a New Way to Present Compound Nouns
- Learn the Prefix **Un-**
- Recognize Word Order Flexibility in German

## Chapter 4. Utilities and Repair

### Conversational Goals

- Ask for a Technician or Repairman
- Describe a Problem with a Utility or Appliance
- Discuss Setting Up Utilities
- Establish a Time Frame for Services
- Give Contact and Billing Information

### Grammar Goals

- Form the Passive Voice in the Present Tense
- Learn the Conditional Form of **Sein**
- Learn to Use the Correct Ending with **Jemand**
- Use Expressions with **Egal**
- Use the Preposition **Vorbei** as a Prefix

## Chapter 5. Education and Career

### Conversational Goals

- Comfortably Discuss Your Opinion
- Discuss Schooling Options
- Discuss the Consequences of a Decision
- Mention Hearsay
- Talk About Features of Schools

### Grammar Goals

- Learn the Phrase **Der Meinung sein** and **Meiner Meinung nach**
- Learn the Prefix **Hin-**
- Practice Forming Comparatives
- Use the Conditional Verb Form
- Use the Expression **Nicht in Frage kommen**

## Chapter 6. Emergencies and Aid

### Conversational Goals

- Describe an Emergency Situation
- Express Fear and Urgency
- Request and Offer Emergency Aid
- Request or Provide an Address or Location
- Talk About Natural Disasters

### Grammar Goals

- Differentiate the Impersonal Pronoun Based on Gender and Case
- Learn a Translation for **Schwer**
- Learn to Use a Superlative Form as a Noun
- Reinforce the Imperative Form
- Use Prepositions of Place

## Chapter 7. Household and Lifestyle

### Conversational Goals

- Apologize and Ask for Forgiveness
- Ask Someone to Do a Chore
- Describe Feelings of Anger
- Express Annoyance
- Give an Excuse

### Grammar Goals

- Derive Neuter Nouns from Action Verbs
- Form Tag Questions with **Oder**
- Reinforce the Future Tense with **Werden**
- Use the Dative Case with Verbs That Imply Giving

## Chapter 8. Hair and Beauty Services

### Conversational Goals

- Discuss Beauty Salon Services
- Make and Ask About Appointments
- Request and Discuss Hairstyles

### Grammar Goals

- Describe Having Something Done Using the Verb **Lassen**
- Learn the Past Perfect Tense
- Reinforce the Conditional Verb Form
- Use the Prefix **Dran** with Verbs
- Use **Zu** as an Infix

## Chapter 9. Events and Schedules

### Conversational Goals

- Discuss Certain Obligations
- Discuss When Events Occur
- Remind Someone of an Event
- Talk About a Person's Availability

### Grammar Goals

- Differentiate Between the Two Meanings of "To Remember"
- Learn a Reflexive and a Non-Reflexive Translation for "To Prepare"
- Practice the Use of Word Order in German for Emphasis
- Reinforce the Passive Voice
- Use the Infixes **-zu-** and **-ge-** with Separable Verbs