QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Syllabus

COURSE INFORMATION
Course number and title: LG112: Beginning German II
Hours: 4 + 1 (laboratory), 4 credits
Prerequisite: LG-111 German I or appropriate Foreign Language Placement.
The study of basic German grammar is completed. Students learn to read easy German prose and express their ideas. Weekly attendance in the language laboratory is required.

CURRICULA FOR WHICH THE COURSE IS REQUIRED/RECOMMENDED
This course partially fulfills the foreign language requirements for the Associate degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences as well as the Associate degree in Fine and Performing Arts. It may also fulfill the Liberal Arts and Science and the Humanities elective requirements for all other degree programs.

GENERAL EDUCATION OBJECTIVES
Students will be able to:
- Communicate effectively through reading, writing, listening and speaking
- Use analytical reasoning to identify issues or problems and evaluate evidence in order to make informed decisions.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY OBJECTIVES
Students will be able to communicate through speaking, listening, reading, and writing at a novice-high proficiency level as described in the ACTFL proficiency guidelines*1

CURRICULAR OBJECTIVES
Students will be able to:
- Communicate through speaking, listening, reading, and writing at a novice-high proficiency level as described in the ACTFL proficiency guidelines, and as required for transferring to the junior year in a baccalaureate program in Humanities
- Demonstrate proficiency in simple communicative skills including rudimentary description and narration in the past and future
- Demonstrate ability to understand and give directions.

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES
Upon successful completion of this course students will be able to:

Accomplish basic communicative tasks (e.g., order a meal in a restaurant, shop) by relying on guided input.

Describe in oral and written form about their own and others’ daily activities.

Describe in oral and written form past and future events.

Express commands and causality, give advice, or suggestions in given situations.

Narrate and/or provide information about themselves and others avoiding unnecessary repetition.

EVALUATION METHODS

Assessment of students’ conversational skills will be assessed by evaluating the clarity, the fluidity and the accuracy of their responses to questions, role plays, simulations, picture descriptions, or story telling.

Students’ listening abilities will be assessed by evaluating their general understanding of auditory messages such as ads, or short dialogues, narratives or descriptions.

Assessment of students’ reading skills will be done by evaluating their degree of comprehension of a variety of reading materials including ads or simple stories.

Assessment of writing skills (including knowledge of grammar) will be done evaluating the grammatical and lexical accuracy and the appropriateness of their writing samples including narrations, descriptions and letter writing.

Assessment of listening and conversational skills will occur through:

1. evaluations of in-class oral activities, such as in-class conversations with instructor, between pairs of students and in groups;
2. successful completion of online listening comprehension activities assigned in BB;
3. oral comprehension exercises on quizzes and exams; Individual oral exam is 5% of final grade;

Assessment of writing skills, including knowledge of grammar, will be accomplished through participatory exercises in class, homework assignments, successful completion of BB writing activities assigned by your instructor and through grammar, vocabulary, and/or composition exercises on quizzes and exams.

Assessment of reading skills will be accomplished through participatory exercises in class, homework assignments, successful completion BB reading activities assigned by your instructor and reading exercises on quizzes and exams.

Assessment of all skills described above will be reflected in the final exam (20% of the final grade). The final grade will be weighted as follows:

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Group/Individual presentation in class  5%

SUMMARY OF MAIN TOPICS COVERED IN THE COURSE

- Eating out (restaurant, diner, pizzeria)
- Shopping in different German stores
- Describing aspects of university life (subjects, professors, library)
- Describing and narrating past events
- Describing future plans
- Giving commands or directions

TEXTBOOKS:

Required:


Recommended: Paperback dictionary (Bookstore)

*Beolingus ©TU Chemnitz, 2006-2007* a bilingual online dictionary (spelling and pronunciation)

http://dict.tu-chemnitz.de/  Online sites:

QCC Blackboard: http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/

Quick links > Blackboard > Blackboard Info > https://blackboard-doorway.cuny.edu

Or take the short cut: https://doorway.cuny.edu/Doorway?ApplicationName=blackboard

Grammar Doubts: http://webgerman.com/Animated/index.html

Type any text with German characters: http://german.typeit.org/

Information on Culture in German Speaking countries: www.german-way.com

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY (department or college):

The Foreign Language Department abides by Queensborough Community College Policy regarding Academic Integrity. Cheating on a quiz or exam as well as the act of plagiarizing (stealing the words or ideas of another) will result in an F grade for the course. It may also lead to suspension or dismissal from the College. For more details, refer to the Academic Integrity Policy stated in the 2009-2010 College Catalogue, p. 44-45.

DISSABILITIES:

If you need an accommodation based upon the impact of a disability you might have, you should contact your instructor privately to discuss your specific needs. Please contact the office of Services for Students with Disabilities in Science Building, room 132 (718 631 6257) to coordinate reasonable accommodations for you.