

## Course Unit: Cultural Competence in German: German as a Foreign Language for Exchange Students

Semester	-		Language of Tuition/ Assessment	German
Hours per week	2		Group size (max)	10
Contact hours (total)	32 h		ECTS credits	4
Individual study	90 h		Lecturer	A. Holzapfel

**Objectives:** Building up on the individual knowledge of German, students will deal with basic as well as more advanced structures of German grammar and lexis and gain fluency, in order to deal with a variety of communicative situations. Students will develop their ability to communicate for professional purposes at a high level of linguistic and cultural competency.

**Content:**

- Analysing and applying structures of the German language
- Analysing situations and documents from professional life
- Acquiring useful words and phrases for business communication
- Exercises and role plays

**Prerequisites:**

This course is for exchange students at RheinAhrCampus. Students can register after a personal consultation with the lecturer.

**Methods:**

Communicative and interactive language course

**Assessment:**

Course unit	Form of assessment	Exam dates		Grading scale
		Mid-term	Final	Max. score (out of 100)
German as a Foreign Language for Exchange Students	Continuous assessment, oral and written components plus written exam at the end of the semester		x	100

**Materials:**

Sandra Evans, Angela Pude and Franz Specht, *Menschen/A1.1* Kursbuch, München: Hueber 2012

Handouts and additional materials will be provided via <https://olat.vcrp.de>.

**General Remarks**

The integration of exchange students at German universities may be successful even if the student's demand of German is limited. Many German students are quite eager to improve their English skills by interacting in English and many universities run programs exclusively taught in English or other language.

However, the international experience gained in Germany will be more convincing and useful for future employers if the applicant can demonstrate the ability to interact with German partners in their own language.

The purpose of this module is to familiarise students with the German language and to encourage them to use their German skills on campus and off campus wherever possible (even if it is often easy to communicate in English).

In addition, students will be introduced to important aspects of German culture in general and – even more importantly – to academic culture and the use of their German skills for academic purposes.