

## LAG1201 Course Information & Rules:

Welcome to LAG1201 German 1. Here is some important information regarding the course. Please take time to read it through.

### 1. Lectures:

There will be two lecture sessions per week, and attendance is compulsory. Please remember to attend lectures with the group to which you have been assigned. **If you have a valid reason for an ad hoc lecture group switch for a particular session, inform your lecturer as early as possible and request a switch to another group. Your lecturer will then request the switch on your behalf.** Should you miss a test or CA due to illness, you may only sit for a make-up test or CA if you have a valid medical certificate from a registered doctor. Missing a test without a valid reason will result in receiving zero marks for that CA component.

### 2. Materials for this course:

- Textbook: *Das Leben A1* (see "[2. Textbook under Syllabus](#)" on Canvas)
- *Das Leben A1 Glossary* Deutsch-Englisch (free download [here](#))
- PagePlayer App for *Das Leben A1* (instructions for downloading and installing [here](#))
- German-English Dictionary (or an online dictionary, such as [Leo](#))
- An exercise book for notes during class (or your laptop or tablet if you wish to take notes electronically)
- Any materials that are announced to be downloaded for class
- Personal stationary

### 3. Assessment (see "[6. Assessment under Syllabus](#)" on Canvas)

The assessment of this course is based on 100% CA (continuous assessment), i.e. **there will be regular assessment throughout the semester, and there is no final exam.** The marks will be calculated based on the following components:

#### 1) Class Participation

Your participation and the quality of your participation in class will count toward part of your course assessment. This component also includes your posts in Discussions in Canvas that will be set from time to time. Typically for these tasks, you will be asked to post your texts, ideas and recordings (audio or video) as well as to comment on your classmates' posts.

Active class participation includes the following 5 Bs:

- Be well-prepared for each lesson (i.e. do homework before class, revise content and learn vocabulary consistently).
- Be attentive and volunteer often.
- Be willing to use German with classmates and instructor.
- Be respectful and polite when responding to and engaging classmates.
- Be open-minded toward target and native culture.

## 2) Assignments

You will have to complete one written assignment as well as one script for the first video and some key questions for the second video. Do watch out for Announcements in Canvas.

## 3) Vocabulary / Listening Quizzes

Three quizzes are planned for this semester. The exact dates and content coverage will be announced on Canvas, typically two weeks in advance. Currently, the quizzes are scheduled for Weeks 4, 6, and 11. However, these dates are subject to change based on the course progress.

## 4) Semester Tests

There will be two semester tests, which will include listening comprehension, reading comprehension, grammar, and short writing tasks. The tests are currently scheduled for Weeks 7 and 12, but these dates are subject to change. Exact test dates and coverage will be announced on Canvas, typically at least two weeks in advance.

## 5) Videos

You will work on two video projects. The first video is an individual project focusing on self-introduction and is due in Week 3. The second is a group project due in Week 13.

**For the second video, you will work in groups of three to interview a German native speaker.** This could be your neighbor, a staff member or an exchange student at NUS from Germany, Austria, or Switzerland. You will need to prepare some questions that we will cover during the semester.

While you can use prepared questions, the interview should be interactive, conducted in the target language at your level of proficiency. You may comment on the interviewee's responses or ask follow-up questions where appropriate. Feel free to discuss the questions with your lecturer. You must submit the question catalogue by Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 3 p.m. (week 10)

More details will be announced later.

Please manage your time effectively and submit all the work by the deadlines.

## 4. Courtesy

- Please remember the following to ensure that we will have an enjoyable semester.
- Be punctual, polite, considerate, and cooperative.
- Come to class with preparation, including bringing all necessary materials for each class.
- Do your homework and assignments and submit them on time.
- Participate actively in class.
- If you have a runny nose, sore throat or mild cough, but feel well enough to attend class, **do wear a mask.**
- If you have a fever, severe acute respiratory infection, **please recover at home!**

~ Vielen Dank. Thank you. ~