

Course Information & Rules

Herzlich willkommen! Welcome to LAG1201 German 1 in Semester 1 of AY2022/2023. Here are some important information and rules for the module. Please take the time to read them carefully.

1. Lectures

In Week 1 of this semester, there is only one lecture (starting from 10th August 2022). Otherwise, there will be two lectures per week. Attendance is compulsory for all lecture sessions.

Please be reminded that you are to attend only lectures only in the group you are assigned to. If you have a valid reason for a lecture group switch for any particular session, first 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 due to illness, you are only allowed to sit for a make-up test if you have a valid medical certificate from a registered doctor. Missing a test without a valid reason means you will have get zero marks for that particular component.

2. Textbooks and materials

The following materials are required at every lecture:

- Funk et al.: Das Leben A1 (more info here: <https://luminus.nus.edu.sg/modules/d7fec7b2-2e02-47b5-894a-20ad9a9f8f46/details/readings>)
- Das Leben A1 Glossary Deutsch-Englisch (can be downloaded for free here: https://cls.nus.edu.sg/nusgerman/data/course_path/959-20220729050531.pdf)
- PagePlayer App for Das Leben A1 (instructions for downloading and installing: https://cls.nus.edu.sg/nusgerman/data/course_path/962-20220729182520.pdf)
- A German-English Dictionary (or an electronic/web dictionary)
- An exercise book for notes during class (or your laptop or tablet if you wish to take notes electronically)
- Any materials you are asked to download for class

3. e-daf and Luminus

We are using LumiNUS (and not Canvas) in this semester for this module. You can access German 1 module page at <https://luminus.nus.edu.sg/modules/d7fec7b2-2e02-47b5-894a-20ad9a9f8f46> for an overview of the module as well as details of your lectures. Please read the weekly overviews prior to your lectures under Learning Flow and make sure that you download any worksheets or do any tasks as instructed before or after your lecture classes.

The German Language Programme at CLS has a learning portal (e-daf) with an extensive amount of learning materials at (<http://cls.nus.edu.sg/nusgerman/home.php>). Many of the materials, including interactive exercises and worksheets you will be doing in class or as homework, will be found here. In addition, you will find a lot of materials that you can access for your own individual learning and practice. Do visit your German 1 homepage on e-daf (<https://cls.nus.edu.sg/nusgerman/course.php?level=1&id=16>). To guide you, the materials are organized according to the units in your book.

4. Assessment

The assessment of this module is based on 100% CA (continuous assessment), i.e. there will be regular tests and assignments but no final exam. The marks will be calculated based on the following components:

Class Participation – Your participation and the quality of your participation in class will count toward your course assessment. This component also includes your participation in the forum tasks that we will set from time to time. Typically, for these tasks, you will be asked to post your texts, ideas and opinions on the designated LumiNUS forum pages as well as to comment on your classmates' posts.

Assignments – You will have to complete and submit a number of assignments in the course of the semester. These may be written assignments or mini video projects consisting of partner/group conversations. Please type the assignments in a neat, legible and well-organized manner with double line spacing. Typically, the written and video assignments will have to be uploaded onto LumiNUS by specified deadlines.

Vocabulary Tests/Quizzes – 4 vocabulary tests are planned. Exact test dates will be announced in LumiNUS, usually two weeks in advance. Currently, the tests are scheduled for Weeks 4, 6, 9 and 12, but this is subject to change, depending on the course progress. The tests are based mainly on the Glossary (see above) and each test will usually cover 2 units of the textbook.

Semester Tests – There will be 2 semester tests with listening comprehension, reading comprehension, grammar and writing. The semester tests are scheduled for Weeks 7 and 13, but this is subject to change. Exact test dates and test coverage will be announced in LumiNUS, usually at least two weeks in advance.

5. Courtesy

Please remember the following to ensure that we will all enjoy the module more. Please

- be punctual, polite, considerate, and cooperative,
- do not eat in class,
- be prepared and have all necessary materials for every lecture at hand,
- do your homework and assignments on time, and
- participate actively in class.

- Vielen Dank und einen guten Start ins neue Semester! -