

Faculty of Arts and Letters



GERM1112 German language : reading and writing

[15h+15h exercises] 2.5 credits

This course is taught in the 2nd semester

Teacher(s): Fabienne Vanoirbeek
Language: German
Level: First cycle

Aims

To acquire upper intermediate skills in reading and writing. At the end of the course the student will be able to:

- understand the content of relatively complex, recent, and authentic topical (in a broad sense) texts (about concrete and abstract matters; politics, economics, sports, science, culture and literature#);
- decode the lexical, grammatical, phraseological, stylistic and pragmatic information in relation to these texts;
- answer comprehension questions related to the content of the texts considered;
- process the information contained in these texts (summary, review#);
- produce small, clearly structured written documents of a relatively informal character (personal letters, e-mails, notes#) with particular attention paid to style, code and content.

Main themes

1. Starting from authentic texts of different genres, introduction to the techniques of reading (extensive, intensive, skimming, scanning etc.);
2. Written processing of these texts: contraction, translation, commentary, analysis, etc.

Content and teaching methods

15 hours of lecturing: theoretical considerations enabling to improve the reading, presentation of different reading techniques, introduction to different types of writing and their particular linguistic specificities.

15 hours of tutorials to put the different theoretical approaches into practice. Equivalent time will be devoted to reading and writing.

20 hours of study and individual work, in particular:

- personal and systematic study of the vocabulary contained in the considered documents;
- preliminary work of preparation of the texts;
- redaction of the documents;
- complementary exercises of correction in self-learning
- updating of the personal notes, revision, memorization.

Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)

Evaluation : Written exam in June.

Course Holder/Course Supervision :

Supervision by one professor of the GERM Department; tutorial by an assistant who takes part in the assessment.

Other credits in programs

GERM11BA	Première année de bachelier en langues et littératures modernes, orientation germaniques	(2.5 credits)
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