College of Europe
Collège d'Europe
Brugge Natolin

ECTS CARD

STUDY PROGRAMME	ACADEMIC YEAR	SEMESTER
EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies	2018-2019	1 & 2

COURSE TITLE
German

COURSE PROFESSOR	COURSE ASSISTANT
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NATURE OF COURSE (COMPULSORY, OPTIONAL)	ECTS CREDITS
Compulsory language course	4.5

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION
German (& English explanations)

1. COURSE OBJECTIVES

The aim of this German language course for beginners is to reach the equivalent of an A1+ level according to the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

At the end of this course, the student will be able to
- understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate personal relevance
- read short texts and find specific information in everyday material
- communicate in simple and routine tasks; to ask and answer simple questions in areas of immediate need or on very familiar topics
- describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background and immediate environment
- produce short notes and texts

2. LEARNING OUTCOMES

The course objectives tie in with the following learning out comes of the programme **EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies**:

2.7 The graduate is able to communicate in the foreign language followed as part of the curriculum according to the target level specified for that language course

3. COURSE CONTENTS

- First semester: focus on morphology, syntax and on oral skills.
- Second semester: focus on morphology, syntax and written and oral skills.

Please refer to the intranet course page for access to the full course outline.

4. TEACHING METHOD

Students are expected to regularly attend the class, to participate actively in the exercises in class and to prepare the required homework.

The communicative aspect will be paramount. From the beginning, the course will be based on the linguistic tools that are necessary to be able to carry out authentic communication in German. Students and teacher will either together or individually or in small groups do specific listening, reading, intonation, grammar and writing exercises. For example, the student should have the competence to ask for and to give information to somebody else, to make appointments, to express positive and negative reactions and opinions, to talk about personal and professional situations, to write e-mails and to fill in forms.

5. COURSE MATERIAL

"Menschen A1" consisting of a teaching book including a learner DVD and a working book including an Audio-CD. The books are available for purchase at the College bookshop.

This material will be completed by Internet exercises tailored to the book chapters.

6. EVALUATION

This course is assessed on a 'pass/fail' basis:
- pass: no mark will be attributed, and the CEFR level of graduation will be mentioned on the transcript.
- fail: a mark is attributed and mentioned on the transcript and will be taken into consideration in the calculation of a possible compensation.

The mark is composed of the following elements:
- continuous assessment throughout the course (30%)
- final examination at the end of the course (70%):
    - oral exam (50%): duration 15 minutes (audio-recorded)
    - written exam (50%): duration 2h

In case of a second-session resit, the written exam and the oral exam each count for 50% of the final mark.