

SYLLABUS  
PART I  
EDISON COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
GER 121S BEGINNING GERMAN I  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Vocabulary and structure of the German language with practice in reading, understanding, writing, and speaking German.

**COURSE GOALS**

The student will:

Bloom's Level		Gen Ed Outcomes
3	1. Use accurate and unambiguous pronunciation.	1
3	2. Identify and apply adequate and functional vocabulary.	1
1	3. Read with holistic comprehension.	1
1	4. Listen with summarizing capability.	1
5	5. Compose written material with communicative accuracy.	1
2	6. Translate with colloquial emphasis.	1,4,5
3	7. Develop basic structural/grammatical skills.	1
1	8. Examine cultural/historical considerations.	1,4,6

**CORE VALUES**

The Core Values are a set of principles that guide in creating educational programs and environments at Edison. They include communication, ethics, critical thinking, human diversity, inquiry/respect for learning, and interpersonal skills/teamwork. The goals, objectives, and activities in this course will introduce/reinforce these Core Values whenever appropriate.

**TOPIC OUTLINE**

1. Cultural and communicative:
  - a. Greetings and farewells
  - b. Counting
  - c. Phone calls and letters
  - d. Weather and leisure time
  - e. Studies
  - f. Likes, dislikes, and preferences
  - g. Family and friends
  - h. Clothing and possessions
  - i. Daily routines
  - j. Permissions, wishes, necessities, and obligations
  - k. Time
    - l. Plans for a day off
    - m. Personal opinions
    - n. Past events
2. Grammatical and linguistic:
  - a. Various forms of you in German
  - b. Gender and number of nouns
  - c. Ein and kein

- d. Personal pronouns
- e. Present tense of sein and other verbs
- f. Cognates
- g. Flavoring particles
- h. Pronunciation of unlauded vowels
- i. Verbs with gern or lieber
- j. Nominative and accusative cases
- k. Der and ein words and their adjective endings
- l. Modal and separable-prefix verbs
- m. Imperative
- n. Idioms
- o. Accusative prepositions
- p. Comparative of adjectives and adverbs
- q. Superlative forms
- r. Wissen and kennen
- s. Simple past of haben, sein, and the modals
- t. Adjective suffixes