



# GERMAN - I

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**INTENDED AUDIENCE :** Anyone interested in learning elementary German

**INDUSTRIES APPLICABLE TO :** Companies / Organisations / Individuals having business / work with Germany, Austria and/or Switzerland

## COURSE OUTLINE :

German I is meant to be an introduction to the German language and a basic orientation towards Germany (and to some extent Austria and Switzerland). Learning to understand and articulate oneself in day to day real life situations, and to begin to make sense of Germany as a cultural space are the overall objectives of the course. Serious learners should be able to grasp the basic sentence structure and build a good foundational vocabulary through this course.

## ABOUT INSTRUCTOR :

Prof. Milind Brahme has an MA, M Phil and a PhD in German language and literature from the Centre of German Studies, JNU. He has been on the faculty of IIT Madras since 2003, and has more than 25 years of experience of teaching German language and literature in diverse situations and contexts.

## COURSE PLAN :

**Week 1:** Themes: Introducing oneself and others; Grammar: W questions, personal pronouns, simple sentence, verb conjugation

**Week 2:** Themes: hobbies, the week, numbers, the alphabet, months, seasons / Grammar : articles , plural, the verbs to have and to be

**Week 3:** Theme: In the city / naming places and buildings, means of transport, basic directions / Grammar : definite and indefinite articles; negation - kein and nicht; imperative

**Week 4:** Themes: food, drink, family / groceries and meals / Grammar : the accusative

**Week 5:** Theme: Everyday life, telling time, making appointments / Grammar : prepositions am, um, von..bis; modal verbs, possessive articles

**Week 6:** Leisure activity, celebrations / Grammar: separable verbs, the accusative, past tense of to have and to be

**Week 7:** Contacts, writing letters / Grammar: dative

**Week 8:** My apartment, rooms, furniture, colours / Grammar: changing prepositions

**Week 9:** Professions / Grammar : perfect tense

**Week 10:** Clothes / Grammar: perfect tense and dative

**Week 11:** Health and the body / Grammar: the imperative and modal verbs

**Week 12:** Holiday and weather