

Title:

GERMAN 4

Course duration:

20 weekly sessions of two hours

Minimum entry requirements:

- AS level or equivalent grade A or B achieved in the last three years; or
- A level or equivalent grade C achieved in the last three years; or
- A good pass in Brunel's Level 3 course in the target language; or
- B1 level according to the Common European Framework.

Students should be able to:

- describe yourself and others, your character and personality and that of others;
- express a variety of opinions, likes and dislikes; actively participate in verbal communications regarding routine and semi complex tasks, and exchange information on various topics, e.g. present and past experiences and future events;
- write emails, messages and notes relating to routine and semi complex matters;
- understand some less commonly used phrases and vocabulary relating to everyday matters when listening to recordings in the target language and extract, specific information from them;
- extract specific information from a variety of texts written in the target language relating to topics listed in the Level 3 course guide.

Commitment to:

- attend at least 70% of the classes;
- study outside the classroom for at least two hours per week;
- complete homework and coursework assignments.

Course aims:

To enable students to:

- reach level B1+/B2 of the Common European Framework;
- consolidate the four language skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing, and to expand vocabulary and linguistic structures previously acquired;
- gain further insights into the societies of the target language speaking countries;
- consolidate communicative competence.

Learning outcomes:

On completion of this module, students should be able to:

- demonstrate an awareness of the cultural and social diversity and etiquette of the target language speaking countries;
- demonstrate an insight into the business etiquette of the target language speaking countries;
- communicate confidently on semi complex issues, aspects of work and study and selected current affairs topics;
- give semi complex presentations on topics of the student's choice;
- produce accurate written materials for a variety of routine and semi complex matters, e.g. informal and formal letters, enquiries, complaints, CVs, applications, describing data and graphics;
- obtain information about key general and business tasks by listening to a variety of authentic sources played at an authentic speed;
- obtain information, ideas and opinions about complex tasks by reading a variety of authentic sources

Main topics of study:

Selected topics from a variety of areas, some of which are complex in nature.

Course content:

Selected topics from a variety of areas, e.g. customs and traditions; inter-cultural perspectives; arts and culture; work and employment; new technologies; media and communication; trends and current affairs in politics, economy and society

Assessment:

Students are given the opportunity to complete a test and a portfolio in order to obtain a certificate.

Brunel Certificate of Achievement:

On successful completion of the test, portfolio and a minimum attendance of 70%, students will be awarded the Brunel Certificate of Achievement.

Course books (must be purchased):