

# HS342 German I

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Credit: 3-0-0-3

Prerequisite: Consent of the faculty member

Students intended for: B.Tech

Elective or Core: Elective

Semester: Even/Odd

Common European Frame of Reference Norms (Level A 1)

**Course objective:** The course introduces students to the German language: Elementary grammatical features and basic German vocabulary; simple conversation skills required in routine situations forms the core of the course. The focus on communicative language includes listening, speaking, reading and writing. Pronunciation practice and learning strategies rounds off the introductory course. German culture of today also plays a crucial role in communicating effectively and this will feature in all learning modules.

## **Course content:**

Basic grammatical features: position of verbs in affirmative sentences and questions, conjugation, the use of articles, imperative, the accusative case and the personal pronouns in the dative case. Listening and speaking practice: understanding simple information at railway stations, in telephone calls and being able to hold simple conversations where the partner in conversation assists in the communication process. Writing and reading: short messages and notes, filling up simple forms. Vocabulary: personal information, food and drinks, shopping, numbers, orientation.

## **Method of Evaluation**

2 Quizzes (10 Marks each), Assignment (10 Marks), Attendance and Participation (10 Marks) and End of Semester Examination (50 Marks)

## **Prescribed Textbook**

Rosa-Maria Dallapazza / Eduard von Jan / Til Schönherr: Tangram aktuell 1, Lektion 1-4; Deutsch als Fremdsprache. New Delhi (Goyal Saab, rpt.) 2007.

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