**German language (ECTS credits: 4)**

Language: the course is offered in German.

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**Course description:**

This beginner's course (A1-A2) is designed to help students to develop their German oral and writing skills in order to solve situations in general language and communication in a professional context. During the course, the focus will be on acquiring the language skills that students need in everyday life, emphasizing the acquisition of the professional language skills that students need in order to be successful in the business world, such as: Curriculum vitae and application and communication at work. The goals are the following: understanding of speech and spontaneous expression in the context of both everyday life situations and professional topics; practicing of all reading methods and the understanding of complex linguistic and stylistic structure of the text; intellectual engagement in particular with regard to language awareness; specific learning theories; learning autonomous thinking and intercultural awareness; occupational flexibility, teamwork, taking the initiative, organization skills, tolerance, creativity and willingness to work, training for further education and lifelong learning with general use of dictionaries and reference works.

This course will cover the following 13 topics:

1. lecture: Introduction; Über sich sprechen
2. lecture: Auf der Stellensuche: Lebenslauf und Bewerbung
3. lecture: Neu im Unternehmen
4. lecture: Zahlen, Daten/ Tagesplan
5. lecture: Maßeinheiten/ Messungen/ Geometrische Körper
6. lecture: In der Kantine
7. lecture: Freizeit
8. lecture: Rund um die Firma
9. lecture: Berufsalltag: Absprachen/ Arbeitseinweisungen/ Sich entschuldigen
10. lecture: Small-Talk
11. lecture: Am Telefon
12. lecture: Abschiedsrede und Abschiedsparty
13. lecture: E-Mail oder Brief

**Aims:**

The aim in the area of foreign language teaching is the acquisition of new, expansion and deepening of knowledge in all language skills, as well as training for further education, developing autonomous learning skills, and improving students’ communication skills in general German (social and methodological skills as basis of executive planning, communication in professional life), to help students to acquire German skills in order to solve business situations in a professional context and to develop the suitable language skills to be successful in the business world.