

HS362 German III

Credit: 3-0-0-3

Prerequisite: Consent of the faculty member

Students intended for: B.Tech

Elective or Core: Elective

Semester: Even/Odd

Conforms to Common European Frame of Reference Norms (Level B1)

Course objective: The course is a continuation of German I and II that enables students to hold basic conversations in German, read longer texts and write informal e-mails and postcards. The focus is on communicative language use, thus comprising speaking, listening, reading and writing practice. Basic vocabulary and grammar from German I and II will be revised and extended to ensure deeper understanding of grammatical features in addition to word formation rules of the German language. Cultural knowledge is extended to include information on Germany, Switzerland and Austria.

Course content

Basic grammatical features: Preterite form of auxiliary and modal verbs, perfect tense, subjunctive form of important verbs, subordinate clauses, comparative and superlative. Listening and speaking practice: Talking about past events, describing people, writing about single items/objects. Reading and writing practice: Reading about a survey, reading and writing postcards and e-mails. Vocabulary: where people live, vacations, health, colours, clothes, the human body.

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 2, Lektion 1-4; Deutsch als Fremdsprache. New Delhi (Goyal Saab, rpt.) 2007.

Select References

Christine Eckhard-Black / Dr. Ruth Whittle: Cassell's Contemporary German. A Handbook of Grammar, Current Usage, and Word Power. New York et.al. (MacMilan) 1993.

Heinz Oehler: Grundwortschatz Deutsch. Stuttgart (Klett Verlag) 1994.

Krishna Murari Sharma: German-Hindi Dictionary. Delhi (Rachna publication) 1978.

Idiomatische Redewendungen von A – Z. Berlin/München (Langenscheidt Verlag) 1993.

Langenscheidt's German-English, English-German Dictionary. New Delhi (Goyal Saab) 2009.

Communicative Competence

Presents students three different choices:

Basic Communication Skills: Every word we utter tells others what we really are. The course makes you aware of the need to present yourself to others exactly the way you would like them to perceive you.

Public Speaking and Debating Skills: How can you win over the hearts and minds of others in speech? How do you structure an argument to persuade others to accept it? The course introduces you to the basic principles of the art of effective speaking.

Policy Analysis and Advocacy Skills: Our public life, be it economics or the environment, is influenced by policies made by various advisory and regulatory bodies to the government. In the business world, corporate concerns too have their own policies. How does one examine the deep implications of these policies? How does one go about framing policies, say science and technology policies, for sustainable development?