

NVCC COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY

GER 103-104 - BASIC SPOKEN GERMAN I II (CR. 3) (CR. 3)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Teaches oral communication and introduces cultural mores and customs to students with no prior instruction in the language. Lecture 3 hours per week.

GENERAL COURSE PURPOSE

Basic Spoken German is a conversational course for students with no previous German. The LOCUS is on communication skills, practical vocabulary, and cultural patterns. There are brief simplified explanations of the structure of the language.

ENTRY LEVEL COMPETENCIES

Functional fluency in English.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- A. The development of the ability to understand simple spoken German within the limited context presented in the course.
- B. The development of the ability to carry on a simple conversation with correct pronunciation.
- C. The development of the ability to read the German the student has already learned to comprehend and speak.
- D. The development of the awareness of cultural patterns, including social patterns of behavior and current events.

MAJOR TOPICS TO BE INCLUDED

The student will learn practical vocabulary in contextual communication patterns. The structure of the language will be explained in simplified terms in the context of the spoken skills developed. Topics and situations to be covered may include:

- 1. Personal Identification
- 2. House and Home
- 3. Services
- 4. Family Life
- 5. Community/Neighborhood
- 6. Physical Environment
- 7. Meal taking, Food, Drink
- 8. Health and Welfare
- 9. Education
- 10. Travel
- 11. Earning a Living
- 12. Shopping
- 13. Public and Private Services

EXTRA TOPICS (optional)

Occupational or technical vocabulary where appropriate for particular group of students (i.e. law enforcement)