

This German Compact Course with 40 teaching units runs for two weeks before the start of lectures and combines a *cultural orientation* program and an introductory level *German language class* for exchange students to Konstanz who have no previous knowledge of the language.

The *Cultural Orientation* component will allow exchange students to acquire a broad based knowledge about Germany with an overview of various aspects of history, culture, and civilization. The *German Language Class* covers both communicative grammar and practical language skills. The *grammar* component has a balanced approach to German grammatical structures such as word order, declension, main clauses etc. where as the *practical language exercises* will develop speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. The course aims at providing students with a sound basic knowledge of spoken and written German (beginner level A1, Common European Framework of Reference for Languages – CEFR).

Grading will be based on regular active attendance, homework assignments, oral presentations, quizzes and a final examination.