

This course 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. This orientation will include cultural activities as well as study trips to the Lake Constance area (including Switzerland).

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.