

**SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
FOREIGN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT
CERTIFICATE COURSE IN GERMAN**

1. Preamble

German has been offered at Kenyatta University as a B.Ed. Course since the year 1987. Recently, B.A. students joined their education counterparts in their pursuit of German. It is also important to note that Kenyatta University is currently the Test Daf Centre for the region. The Certificate Course in German is intended for interested persons within the university as well as the wider Kenyan community who wish to learn the German language and culture to expand their communication skills and intercultural competence.

2. Rationale

Germany and German speaking countries are important partners to Kenya in the areas of business, diplomacy, culture and academics. For the purpose of effective interaction in these areas it is important and necessary to expand the German programme to the wider Kenyatta University community and offer interested persons the possibility to learn the German language and to be awarded with a Certificate in German from Kenyatta University. It has also become apparent that there exists a demand for German in the wider Kenyan community as evidenced by frequent requests. The programme is intended for students, members of staff, the wider Kenyan community and interested persons, who have little or no knowledge of German. This will provide the learner with a basis for future opportunities in research, teaching, and community services.

3. Mission

The mission of the Department of Foreign Languages is to play an important role in equipping Kenyans with tools that can help them fit into a dynamic employment market.

4. Vision

The vision of the department of Foreign Languages is to become a gateway into the outside world by providing Kenyans with the relevant communication skills in German.

4. Objectives

1. To provide a base for the German language for those who wish to communicate in it.
2. To cultivate an interest and provide learners with the tools that will enable them to express themselves in the German language.
3. To enable learners to acquire a basic knowledge of the German culture so as to interact with the German speaking people all over the world.

6. Admission Requirements

- i Common regulations for certificate programmes in the university shall apply.
- ii General regulations for certificate courses in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences shall apply.
- iii Departmental regulations for certificate courses shall apply.
- iv Applicants for the Certificate Course in German shall be required to have a K.C.S.E. (mean grade C-) or equivalent.

7. Certification

Students in the Certificate Programme in German will be required to successfully complete the 12 units offered to qualify for the award of the Certificate in German.

8. Duration and Pattern of the Programme

- i The programme will be offered on full time or part-time basis.
- ii The programme duration is one academic year (two semesters) of 12 units.
- iii The mode of teaching shall be through lectures, assignments, written and oral evaluations.

9. EXAMINATIONS

- i Common regulations governing school/university examinations shall apply.
- ii A student enrolled in the programme shall be expected to take examinations in all units taught.
- iii Final examination will account for 70% while continuous assessment will be 30%. The grading shall be in accordance with common Certificate Programme regulations of the university.
- iii The certificate shall be awarded to those who pass in all the 12 units.
- iv The certificate in German awarded by Kenyatta University will be equivalent to the internationally recognized “Zertifikat Deutsch” by the Goethe Institut.

10. PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

First Semester:

AFG C01	Introduction to German
AFG C02	German Grammar I
AFG C03	Speaking I
AFG C04	Listening I
AFG C05	Reading Skills I
AFG C06	Writing Skills I

Second Semester:

AFG C07	German Grammar II
AFG C08	Speaking II

AFG C09	Listening II
AFG C10	Reading Skills II
AFG C11	Writing Skills II
AFG C12	Cultural Background of German Speaking Countries

11. COURSE DESCRIPTION

- AFG C01 Introduction to German**
General introduction to the German language and its use: greetings; introducing oneself and others; questions and requests; instructions and statements; polite and familiar forms; vocabulary and word formation.
- AFG C02 German Grammar I**
Basic German grammar: conjugation: present tense, perfect tense, imperative; nouns, articles and adjective declination; cases (nominative, accusative, dative and genitive); pronouns; prepositions; modal verbs; comparative and superlative; simple German sentence structure.
- AFG C03 Speaking I**
Essentials of spoken German in everyday life situations, face to face conversation; pronunciation of specific German sounds and sound clusters.
- AFG C04 Listening I**
Essentials of spoken German and listening skills through everyday life situations, face to face conversation, recorded dialogues.
- AFG C05 Reading Skills I**
Reading and understanding of simple structured narrative and descriptive texts in German.
- AFG C06 Writing Skills I**
Writing of short and simple structured sentences; taking notes in German; transformation of simple texts (changing tenses and subject perspective); writing of informal letters; filling simple forms.
- AFG C07 German Grammar II**
Past tense forms; subjunctive; reflexive and reciprocal verbs; future tense; passive voice; pronominal adverbs; subordinate clauses; complex sentence structure.
- AFG C08 Speaking II**
Practising speaking and listening skills in German through role plays, prepared short talks on given topics.
- AFG C09 Listening II**
Practising various listening skills: global, selective, detailed listening comprehension; radio and television programmes.
- AFG C10 Reading Skills II**
Reading and understanding of more complex fictional and non-fictional texts, current newspapers and magazines in German.

- AFG C11** **Writing Skills II**
Writing of more complex texts: fictional, non-fictional, creative, guided; summary and essay; writing of formal letters and curriculum vitae; filling detailed forms.
- AFG C12** **Cultural Background of German Speaking Countries**
Everyday life in Germany and German speaking countries: food, habits, music, holiday and leisure time activities; education system and job market; basic geography of Germany and German speaking countries.