# Course Specification

**Titel:** Conversational German  
*Practical German and Grammar Basics*

**Code:** CG  
**Program:** Language Center Hochschule Mannheim  
**Instructor:** Romina Paola Agostino  
**Room:** L207/215  
**Semester:** Spring (and Summer)  
**Credit Rating:** 6 ECTS

**Objective:** The students should understand the basic usage of the German language in daily life situations and in conversation with other people. Furthermore, the student should learn about the German culture and lifestyle.

**Outcome:**
- Understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type
- Introduce him or herself and others, ask and answer questions about personal details such as where one lives, people one knows and things one has
- Interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help
- Use of basic German grammar

**Time budget:**

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**Content:**

**Topics**
- Establishing contacts, introducing him or herself an others, nationalities and countries, professions, hobbies
- Greeting, introduction, polite vs. informal form, spelling, names of countries, daily routine, day times, family relations
- Numbers, the time, shopping, names of groceries, prices of goods, planning weekend activities, expressing preferences, making appointments

**Grammar**
- Definite and indefinite articles, conjugation of verbs in the present tense (also with separable prefix, questions
- Phrases expressing time and place
- modal verbs: “können”, “müssen”, “mögen/möchten”, sentence structure

**Excursions**
- City rally Mannheim, Visit Ladenburg and Carl Benz Museum

**Grading:** Test 100%

**Prerequisite for the Final Exam:** Passed exercises and projects

**Reading:** Course related copies of text books and exercise books, teacher’s own material

**Last Change:** June 20th, 2013