

University, Faculty

University of Prešov in Prešov

Faculty of Arts

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

**Code:** IIGE/UVJAZ/15**Course title:** Introduction to the Study of German Language**Field of study:****Guarantor:** doc. PhDr. Martina Kášová, PhD.**Lectured by:** Institute of German Studies

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**Semester:** **Contact lessons:** Lecture, Seminar**Number  
of  
ECTS  
credits:**

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**Recommended course load (in lessons):****Weekly:** 1/1**Per course:**  
13,13

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**Course assessment and completion:** Exam**Continuous assessment:****Final assessment:**

The course is completed by an exam. During the semester, students prepare and submit a reflection (essay) on one of the selected topics. During the exam period, they perform an oral exam. To obtain an A rating (excellent), they must obtain at least 90%, to obtain a B rating 80%, to a C rating at least 70%, to a D rating 60%, to an E rating at least 50%. A student who obtains less than 50% will be graded FX. The final assessment is calculated as the average of the assessment of the reflection / essay and the oral response.

**Course objective:**

The graduates of the course:

- gain an overview of modern German linguistics, its problems and research areas, terminology, methods and research results,
- acquire basic knowledge about the structure and functioning of language as a tool of communication and cognition, understand it as a system of signs and their functions in the creation of communications,
- gain motivation to deal with linguistic issues during further study,
- acquires the skill of confrontation with Slovak, or with other languages,
- understand the system of linguistics, procedures of analysis of speech units so that they can manage the study of special linguistic literature, mainly in phonetics / phonology, morphology, syntax, vocabulary of language, but also in pragmalinguistics and sociolinguistics,
- can analyze, describe and solve simple linguistic problems.

**Course content:**

- Language and thinking about language. Language and linguistic communication as a subject of research in linguistics, psychology and cognitive sciences.
- Language units of individual levels and methods of their analysis. Syllable, word and sentence schemes. Relationships between language units on the paradigmatic axis and in syntagmatics. Types of language meanings. Typological, areal and genetic classification of languages.
- Basic ideas of newer linguistic concepts. Memory, knowledge and their organization. Language pragmatics - expression in context.

**Textbooks and references:**

- BÜNTING, K.-D., 1983. Einführung in die Linguistik. Frankfurt am Main.
- DITTMANN, J. a C. SCHMIDT, 2002. Über Wörter. Grundkurs Linguistik. Freiburg 2002.
- DOLNÍK, J., 2009. Všeobecná jazykoveda. Opis a vysvetľovanie jazyka. Bratislava: Veda. ISBN 978-80-224-1078-6.
- DÜRSCHIED, Ch., KIRCHER, H. a B. SOWINSKI, 1995. Germanistik. Köln, Weimar, Wien: Böhlau Verlag. ISBN 3-412-09093-X.
- GROSS, H., 1990. Einführung in die germanistische Linguistik. München: Iudicum.
- ONDRUŠ, Š. a J. SABOL, 1984. Úvod do štúdia jazykov. Bratislava: SPN.
- PELZ, H., 1987. Linguistik für Anfänger. Hamburg: Hoffmann und Campe.
- Kleine Enzyklopädie der deutschen Sprache. Leipzig 1983.
- VATER, H., 1996. Einführung in die Sprachwissenschaft. München: Wilhelm Fink.

**Language of instruction:**

**Guarantor's signature and the date of  
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