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**“Short-Term Certificate Course in German”  
(3 months/90 hours)**

**Preamble:**

In today’s academic and professional world, the demand to interact with persons from other countries is increasing day by day. Students are moving from country to country for better academic and career perspectives. The whole world is becoming a global village. In view of the existing demand due to its multiple practical applications, proficiency in a foreign language can significantly broaden career opportunities, particularly in fields such as business, diplomacy, tourism, and academia. It allows individuals to engage with a wider range of people, communities, and ideas, opening doors to new experiences, relationships, and possibilities. Moreover, learning a foreign language is not just about acquiring linguistic skills; it's about expanding horizons, enriching lives, and connecting with the world in meaningful ways.

In this context, one’s knowledge and proficiency in German language is of utmost importance. In the present scenario, the importance of the German language extends beyond its cultural and historical significance to encompass a range of practical, academic, and professional benefits. With Germany being a powerhouse in the European Union and a global leader in technology, engineering, and innovation, proficiency in German opens doors to numerous opportunities in international business, trade, and research. As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, multilingualism is a valuable asset, and German, as one of the most widely spoken languages in Europe, offers individuals a competitive edge in the global job market. Moreover, amid the growing trend of globalization and multiculturalism, understanding German language and culture fosters cross-cultural communication and collaboration, promoting empathy, tolerance, and mutual understanding. Whether for academic pursuits, career advancement, or personal enrichment, the relevance of the German language in today's world cannot be overstated. In many international corporations, having German language abilities on one's CV becomes helpful to advance a career

The proposed Short-Term Certificate Course in German is aimed at students

who wish to learn German from the beginning. The course is designed to make the students achieve beginner's level proficiency in German language (equivalent to A1 level of Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)). After successful completion of the course, the students are expected to understand and use familiar, everyday expressions and very simple sentences in German, which relate to the satisfying of concrete needs. The students can introduce themselves and others as well as ask others about themselves – e.g. where they live, who they know and what they own – and can respond to questions of this nature. They can also communicate in a simple manner if the person they are speaking to speaks slowly and clearly and is willing to help.

**Course Objectives:**

The Short-Term Certificate course is aimed at students who wish to learn German from the beginning. The objectives of the course are to make the students:

- Understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type.
- Introduce themselves and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he/she lives, people they know and things they have.
- Interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

**Course Outcomes:**

By the end of this course, the students are expected to attain the beginner's level proficiency in German language equivalent to CEFR A1 level (breakthrough), and to be ready for taking DELF A1 Certification.