GMST 101: Beginning German I (1.5 units) Fall 2025 – University of Victoria



The cupola of the Reichstag building, site of the German Bundestag (photo by Matt Pollard)

Schedule

All four sections take place on Tuesday, Wednesdays and Fridays:

A01: 9:30 – 10:20 am A02: 10:30 – 11:20 am A03: 11:30 – 12:20 am A04: 1:30 – 2:20 pm

Prerequisites

None: This is course for beginning learners of German. GMST 102 is the follow-up course and is offered in January, 2026.

Description

This course will introduce students to the four main skills of speaking, reading, writing and understanding German. You will learn the basics of everyday interaction and key vocabulary and grammar themed around topics such as food, hobbies, personal preferences and travel.

Textbooks

We will be using the free and open educational resource *Grenzenlos Deutsch* accompanied by additional material provided by your instructor.

Instructor

Matt Pollard (he/him) is the course coordinator and instructor of section A01. Please reach out with any questions: matthewp@uvic.ca. If you already speak some German and want to continue learning, reach out to me so that we can place you in another course.