

The German A1 level syllabus, aligned with the Goethe Institute's framework, covers the basics of language learning. It focuses on foundational vocabulary, grammar, and communication skills necessary for everyday conversations.

Here's a summary of what's typically covered in the A1 syllabus:

## 1. Vocabulary Themes:

- **Personal Information:** Introduce yourself, describe your background, nationality, hobbies, etc.
- **Family and Friends:** Describe family members and relationships.
- **Daily Routine:** Common activities, time, and routine.
- **Shopping and Food:** Names of common food items, shopping phrases, asking for prices, ordering food.
- **Travel and Transportation:** Basic directions, places in town, simple travel phrases.
- **Home and Living:** Rooms, furniture, simple household vocabulary.
- **Weather and Seasons:** Basic weather vocabulary, months, days of the week.

## 2. Grammar Basics:

- **Nouns and Articles:** Gender (der, die, das), plural forms.
- **Pronouns:** Personal (ich, du, er/sie/es), possessive (mein, dein).
- **Verb Conjugation:** Common regular and irregular verbs in the present tense (sein, haben, wohnen).
- **Sentence Structure:** Simple sentence order, forming questions, using "nicht" and "kein" for negation.
- **Prepositions:** Basic usage, especially with time (am, im) and place (in, auf, bei).
- **Adjectives and Adverbs:** Basic forms, colors, descriptive words.
- **Numbers and Quantities:** Counting, prices, quantities.

## 3. Communication Skills:

- **Introducing Yourself:** Basic phrases for greetings, introductions.
- **Asking and Giving Information:** Asking for the time, directions, and clarification.
- **Politeness Forms:** Using "Sie" and "du," polite requests.
- **Writing Simple Texts:** Short notes, postcards, and filling out forms.
- **Listening and Comprehension:** Understanding basic audio on familiar topics.



The Goethe A2 German syllabus builds on the A1 level by expanding vocabulary, grammar, and conversational skills for more comfortable interactions in everyday settings. Here's an outline of the typical A2 syllabus:

## 1. Vocabulary Themes:

- **Personal Interests and Daily Life:** Hobbies, weekend activities, health and well-being.
- **Work and Profession:** Basic workplace vocabulary, describing occupations, daily tasks.
- **Shopping and Services:** Expressing preferences, handling more complex transactions, asking for help.
- **Health and Appointments:** Describing symptoms, talking about health and fitness, making appointments.
- **Travel and Leisure:** Talking about travel plans, making arrangements, discussing vacations.
- **Housing and Living Conditions:** Describing your home, discussing furniture, asking about rentals.
- **Media and Technology:** Common phrases for using mobile devices, internet, and media (emails, texts).

## 2. Grammar Basics:

- **Tenses:** Mastery of present tense and introduction to past tense (mainly Perfekt for speaking about the past).
- **Modal Verbs:** More frequent use of modals (können, dürfen, müssen, wollen) in different contexts.
- **Reflexive Verbs:** Basic reflexive verbs in everyday situations (sich freuen, sich interessieren).
- **Comparative and Superlative Forms:** Making comparisons (e.g., größer, am größten).
- **Sentence Structure:** Complex sentence structure, subordinate clauses with weil, dass, and wenn.
- **Prepositions:** Accusative and dative prepositions (mit, bei, nach, für), two-way prepositions with basic rules.
- **Pronouns:** Expanded usage, especially dative pronouns (mir, dir).
- **Conjunctions:** Coordination and subordination (aber, oder, und, weil, dass).

### 3. Communication Skills

- **Describing Experiences:** Talking about past experiences, sharing personal stories.
- **Expressing Opinions and Preferences:** Stating likes, dislikes, and personal preferences.
- **Giving Advice and Instructions:** Simple advice phrases, giving instructions.
- **Handling Practical Situations:** Making appointments, navigating shopping, ordering in restaurants.
- **Requesting and Offering Help:** Asking for help politely, offering assistance.
- **Understanding Written Texts:** Simple emails, texts, and instructions (directions, recipes).
- **Writing Short Texts:** Composing basic emails, informal letters, and postcards.

### 4. Cultural Knowledge

- **Social Norms and Customs:** Insights into the everyday life of German-speaking countries, holidays, and cultural etiquette.
- **Events and Celebrations:** Learning about and discussing festivals, public holidays, and traditional customs.

The A2 exam assesses listening, reading, writing, and speaking with tasks focused on familiar topics, allowing candidates to manage simple interactions and describe their surroundings in greater detail than at the A1 level.



The Goethe B1 German syllabus is designed to help learners communicate more independently and confidently on a variety of topics, using more complex language structures and vocabulary. It prepares learners to discuss familiar subjects, express opinions, and navigate various social situations. Here's an outline of the typical B1 syllabus:

## 1. Vocabulary Themes:

- **Personal Interests and Free Time:** Hobbies, preferences, social activities, and sports.
- **Work and Education:** Describing educational backgrounds, workplace scenarios, job applications, and career plans.
- **Travel and Tourism:** Discussing travel experiences, giving recommendations, and dealing with typical travel situations.
- **Social Life and Relationships:** Talking about friendships, family dynamics, and other personal relationships.
- **Environment and Health:** Basics of environmental issues, healthy lifestyle habits, discussing problems and solutions.
- **Media and Technology:** Discussing the internet, technology in daily life, and understanding basic technological terms.
- **Society and Culture:** Introduction to news, politics, current events, and cultural differences.

## 2. Grammar Basics:

- **Tenses:** Mastery of present, past (Präteritum and Perfekt), and future tenses; introduction to Konjunktiv II for polite requests and hypothetical situations.
- **Complex Sentence Structures:** Subordinate clauses (with dass, ob, weil, wenn, damit, obwohl) and relative clauses (der, die, das).
- **Passive Voice:** Introduction to passive constructions in the present and past tenses for impersonal expressions.
- **Modal Verbs:** Use in different tenses and situations (sollte, dürfte).
- **Prepositions:** Advanced understanding of prepositions with dative, accusative, and two-way prepositions.
- **Indirect Speech:** Introduction to indirect speech to report statements (using dass).
- **Word Order:** Further practice of word order in complex and compound sentences, sentence inversion after adverbs.
- **Adjective Endings:** Advanced use of adjective endings in all cases and contexts.



### 3. Communication Skills

- **Expressing Opinions and Preferences:** More nuanced opinions, agreement, and disagreement on topics.
- **Describing Experiences and Events:** Talking about past events and describing personal experiences in detail.
- **Explaining Plans and Goals:** Discussing future plans, goals, ambitions, and hypothetical situations.
- **Making Suggestions and Giving Advice:** Giving advice in different contexts, making polite suggestions.
- **Handling Complex Situations:** Problem-solving in conversations, dealing with misunderstandings, and explaining issues clearly.
- **Discussing News and Media:** Basic discussions of current events, understanding news articles, and giving opinions on media content.
- **Writing Structured Texts:** Writing personal and formal emails, reports, and short essays on familiar topics.

### 4. Cultural Knowledge

- **Social Etiquette:** Deeper understanding of German-speaking cultures, differences in social norms, etiquette in professional settings.
- **Events and Celebrations:** Overview of significant cultural events, holidays, and traditions.
- **Current Events:** Basic awareness of issues in German-speaking countries, including social and political topics.

The Goethe B1 exam assesses skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking, with tasks that include expressing opinions, engaging in discussions, and responding to everyday and semi-formal situations.

The goal is to prepare learners for basic independence in a German-speaking environment.