

6. German Language & Intercultural Training

Entry Levels

CEF A1 to C1

Daily Teaching Sessions

Morning: 4 x 45 minutes (3 hours)
Monday to Friday

Afternoon: 2 x 45 minutes
(1 hour 30 minutes)
Monday to Friday

Total course contact hours:
22,5 hours (30 lessons) per week

Maximum class size
in the morning 12
in the afternoon 8

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This course is aimed at non-native speakers of German who

- intend to teach their subjects through the medium German or
- need to develop their language skills in order to study relevant literature and publications in German to communicate within international projects
- wish to develop German cultural consciousness and sensitivity

Objectives

The intention is to improve the teaching and learning of German language and to promote the European Union's broad linguistic diversity and intercultural awareness.

The course is a combination of General German and cultural activities. It develops all aspects of the language – listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Preparation

Pre-course Preparative Modalities:

- Level Test (online test and interview)
- Linguistic questionnaire/needs analysis
- Interview at the first day

Practical Arrangements

Intra-Course Modalities offered by the Course Provider

- Course Tutor
- Learning materials included
- Free access to school study centre
- Free wifi
- Participants' Evaluation Feedback
- 24 hr Emergency Number
- Accommodation service
- Optional cultural activities and visits
- Pastoral service

Follow up provided

Post-Course Modalities

- Linguistic Profile based on Common European Framework of Reference
- A Certificate of Attendance and Achievement
- Europass Mobility

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Course Topics

Listening Skills

Listening skills will be practised extensively, using a variety of activities and tasks, to enable students to be able to process the information and become more confident in this skill.

Speaking Skills

Speaking will be an integral part of lessons. Students are given the opportunity to express their ideas in a relaxed classroom atmosphere, by use of a range of activities to encourage communication.

Reading Skills

A variety of reading activities is used to encourage students to develop the various reading skills that are needed to read effectively.

Writing Skills

Writing will be practised to develop accuracy. Writing activities may also be set for homework.

Grammar Awareness

Grammar for effective communication will be presented and practised at all levels.

Vocabulary

Vocabulary is a key element in learning a foreign language. Various activities to encourage the acquisition of vocabulary are an integral part of the course.

Course Content and Strategies

This course develops the participant's personal language skills and diverse opportunities for German inter-cultural enhancement. The presentation of cultural elements in class not only supports language learning, but provides essential student motivation. Morning lessons will concentrate on General German (listening, speaking, reading, writing, grammar, vocabulary). The afternoon cultural sessions offer a wide range of activities to experience various aspects of German culture.

The class tutors are responsible for the class's progress and academic welfare. Homework is set and student progress is discussed their progress and ways to maximize their language skills.

Sample 5-Day Programme

Course contact hours: 22,5 hours per week

This is a sample schedule which may be adapted to suit the participants' needs.

WEEK 1	Day One	Day Two	Day Three	Day Four	Day Five
9.00-10.00 (1 st day)	Welcome	Lessons will be topic based with new language being presented through a variety of listening, speaking and reading tasks. The lessons will follow an integrated approach to enable all 4 skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) to be developed. Morning lessons will involve grammar presentation and practice, as well as activities to help with the acquisition of key vocabulary.			
09.00-12.30	Testing and Evaluation				
Lunch Break					
13.15-14.45	Intercultural Training	Intercultural Training	Intercultural Training	Intercultural Training	Intercultural Training
Homework is set every day to consolidate progress made and extra work can be done in the Study Centre.					

Sat and Sun	INFORMAL LEARNING: personal research, cultural visits and activities, practising language skills
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Outcomes

- Improving personal German Language skills: fluency and authenticity
- Improving confidence in using the language
- Classroom vocabulary in German
- Developing communicative skills
- Greater awareness and knowledge of German culture and history
- Deeper sensitivity to cultural diversity
- Teamwork, interpersonal attributes
- Better understanding of students' needs and behaviour in class
- Improving student motivation
- Knowledge of Erasmus+ potential for professional development