

Summer and Winter University

Discover Europe: Short-term Language and Culture Immersion Programs

Course Schedule

09:15 - 12:45	Language Course	72 h
14:15 - 15:45	Content Course 1	20 h
16:00 - 17:30	Content Course 2	20 h
Field trips and day tours on weekend		

Course Descriptions

- German Language and Culture (all levels)
- English Language and Content Course (B2-C1)
- German for Business and Economics (B2-C1)
- German for Natural Sciences and Engineering (B2-C1)
- Training for German Language Teachers (C1-C2)
- Medical German (B2-C1)
- German for the Hotel and Catering Industry (A1-A2)
- German for the Tourism Industry (B2-C1)

German Language and Culture, A1-C1

Course description

The syllabus offers a variety of conversation exercises and discussions, current listening and reading texts combined with modern task-based grammar training.

Under the expert guidance of our qualified and experienced teachers, students deepen and expand their oral and written German skills. Specific study techniques such as reading strategies and presentation skills will also be practiced.

The lessons follow the aims of communicative competence of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages in an entertaining and inspiring way and will assist your independent learning process.

Sample Content Program

Supplementary Language & Skills Courses

- Vocabulary Booster and Writing Practice
- Communication Training

Seminars and Lectures

- German Literature
- Time travel through German history
- The Upper Rhine - Cultural Region in the Southwest of Germany

Field Trips

- Eco-tour „Green City Freiburg“
- Visit to a broadcasting studio

Sample Weekend Trips

- Trip to Heidelberg
- Trip to Colmar

*The program may be subject to change.

English Language, B2-C1

Course description

This course is specifically designed for students wanting to take up an English-language degree course at a German university. By means of authentic and up-to-date materials and a variety of interesting topics and texts you can brush up and intensify your knowledge of the English language.

Task-based grammar and oral skills training under the guidance of our highly qualified teachers, who are all native speakers, will guarantee a language training of the highest standards. Special study techniques such as reading strategies or presentation skills will also be practiced.

The lessons follow the aims of communicative competence of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages in an entertaining and inspiring way and will assist your independent learning process.

Sample Content Program

Supplementary Language & Skills Courses

- Survival German
- Techniques of Presentation

Seminars and Lectures

- Freiburg from the Middle Ages until today
- Sustainability in Practice
- Europe in a Globalizing World

Field Trips

- Eco-tour „Green City Freiburg“
- Visit to a broadcasting studio

Sample Weekend Trips

- Trip to Strasbourg
- Trip to Lake Titisee

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German for Business and Economics, B2-C1

Course Description

This course deals with current economic issues such as structural change, the future of work, demographic change, economics and ethics, social issues, intercultural communication and globalization.

The course content is systematically embedded in larger regional, cultural, historical and political contexts. The course materials such as press articles, videos, audio texts and diagrams are constantly updated and reflect a variety of viewpoints. The course is aimed at students of economics, business professionals and those interested in economics.

Oral and written competences are practiced in class: short presentations, debates, role plays, telephone calls, job interviews, writing emails and commercial correspondence, CVs and motivational letters. Action-oriented grammar exercises and vocabulary training complement the program.

Sample Content Program

Supplementary Language & Skills Courses

- Communication Training
- Techniques of Presentation

Seminars and Lectures

- Europe in a Globalizing World
- Germany as an Economic Hub

Field Trips

- Visit to the Presshouse in Freiburg
- Local Farm Tour

Sample Weekend Trips

- Trip to Heidelberg
- Trip to Colmar

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German for Natural Sciences and Engineering, B2-C1

Course Description

This German language course is intended for participants from technical and science-oriented professions and degree courses.

In this course, technical terms, useful phrases and scientific grammatical structures will be practiced with the help of authentic reading and listening comprehension tasks. Through discussions, simulations and the compilation of subject-relevant texts, students will improve their writing skills as well as problems with listening comprehension and speaking or presenting.

Using film sequences, audio lectures and specialist articles, different areas of the natural sciences will be examined, particularly in terms of their vocabulary.

Sample Content Program

Supplementary Language & Skills Courses

- Vocabulary Booster and Writing Practice
- Techniques of Presentation

Seminars and Lectures

- Sustainability in Practice
- Europe in a Globalizing World

Field Trips

- Eco-tour „Green City Freiburg“
- Visit to the Presshouse in Freiburg
- University Media Center tour

Sample Weekend Trips

- Trip to Strasbourg
- Trip to Lake Titisee

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Training for German Language Teachers, C1-C2

Course Description

This course is designed specifically for instructors who are teaching German language abroad and aims to expand and update the participants' didactic and methodological skills. It teaches methods of practical lesson planning based on learning theory and neurodidactics.

Thematic focuses include: Needs analysis and consideration of learner interests, methods of getting to know each other in class, warm-up exercises, context building, learning strategies, didactics of text production, exercises for authentic use of the target language, possibilities for internal differentiation, classroom management, teacher language - body language, use of media in class, forms of feedback.

These topics are dealt with using practical exercise examples from various textbooks and current teaching materials. The course offers participants a variety of opportunities to take an individual stance on specific questions relating to German lessons and to discuss various methodological and didactic approaches. Participants also develop exercises and lesson sequences themselves and carry out lesson simulations.

Sample Content Program

Supplementary Language & Skills Courses

- Techniques of Presentation

Seminars and Lectures

- Theatre Pedagogy as a Teaching Resource
- Intercultural Communication

Field Trips

- University Media Center Tour
- Visit to a broadcasting studio in Freiburg

Sample Weekend Trips

- Trip to Heidelberg
- Trip to Colmar

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Medical German, B2-C1

Course Description

This course for German learners from medical professions and degree courses focuses on communication in the field of medicine and healthcare as well as relevant vocabulary.

Under the guidance of our qualified and experienced teachers, you will work on and practice the linguistic aspects of case studies and simulations from everyday hospital life, such as doctor-patient conversations and vocabulary and structures of medical findings and reports.

This also includes oral and written discussions of topics relevant to your career and studies, such as medical training, the health system and hospital structure in Germany, as well as aspects of intercultural communication.

Sample Content Program

Supplementary Language & Skills Courses

- Phonetics Training and Vocabulary Booster

Seminars and Lectures

- Sustainability in Practice
- Intercultural Communication

Field Trips

- University Pharmacy Tour

Sample Weekend Trips

- Trip to Strasbourg
- Trip to Lake Titisee

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German for the Hotel and Catering Industry, A1-A2

Course Description

The focus of this language course is on acquiring specialist language skills as they are used on a daily basis in the entire hotel sector (reception, restaurant, kitchen). The program focuses on equipping participants with essential German vocabulary, phrases, and cultural insights tailored to hospitality contexts. This course will provide participants who are looking to enhance their future career opportunities or improve their service quality with the confidence and skills needed in a German-speaking hospitality setting.

You can develop conversational proficiency through role-playing scenarios, including guest interactions, menu explanations, and customer service, and learn terminology related to food, beverages, room service, and hospitality operations to enhance communication with German-speaking guests and colleagues. Group discussions and real-life simulations are part of the program to reinforce language skills in a supportive environment.

Sample Content Program

Supplementary Language & Skills Courses

- Communication Training
- Techniques of Presentation

Seminars and Lectures

- Sustainability in Practice
- Intercultural Communication

Field Trips

- Eco-tour „Green City Freiburg“
- Oekostation Freiburg
- South Baden vineyard tour

Sample Weekend Trips

- Trip to Heidelberg
- Trip to Colmar

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German for the Tourism Industry, B2-C1

Course Description

This course will suit those working in or planning to work in the tourism industry and seeking to enhance their communication skills in German with an emphasis on industry-specific language and practices. At the same time, the course will help participants expand their cultural understanding, preparing them for success in German-speaking markets.

You can engage in professional scenarios in the area of tourism management through role-playing exercises, focusing on customer service interactions, initiating contact, resolving conflicts, etc. Also writing skills, e.g. composing emails, creating presentations, writing business reports, etc. will be practiced.

Various tourism models, such as sustainable tourism, and current trends in the tourism sector will be discussed. In addition, you can learn about German-speaking cultures, traditions, and customer expectations to better serve diverse clientele and improve guest experience.

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