

International Summer Course 2018

Deutsch lernen zwischen Gänseliesel und Universität

August 02-30, 2018

Deutsch-Intensivkurs an der Universität Göttingen

General Information



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March: by agreement

A) IMPORTANT DATES

**Please take along your student id
when coming to Göttingen!**

Arrival Day: Thursday, August 2nd, 2018

On arrival day the Summer Course Arrival Office is open from 12:00 noon until 7 p.m. (19:00).
There you will receive important information, you can have something to eat and drink,
and afterwards our tutors will take you to your room in a student hall of residence.

Lessons start: Friday, August 3rd, 2018
10:00 welcome & compulsory written placement test
14:00 (2 p.m.) announcement of placement & first German lessons

Lessons end: Wednesday, August 29th, 2018
in the morning: German lessons & evaluation
in the afternoon: official handing over of the certificates
in the evening: farewell party / international cultural eve

Departure Day: Thursday, August 30th, 2018 until 11:00 a.m. (in the morning)

Please note: Unfortunately, it is not possible that you move into your room in the student hall
before August 2nd or stay longer than August 30th, 2018.
(→ see also point D) for tips on where to stay in Göttingen before and after the summer course)

B) GERMAN LANGUAGE LESSONS

The language course alone consists of a **total of 78 lessons** (one lesson = 45 minutes).

Lessons take place **Monday to Friday** in the mornings from **9:15 to 10:45 and 11:15 to 12:45** and on Wednesday, 15th and Wednesday, 22nd also from 14:15-15:45.

On the first day of class - Friday 03/08- lessons will take place from 14:15 to 17:45.

These 78 lessons are compulsory for all participants who want to gain a certificate with credit points in the end of the course (→see also certificate information below).

In the afternoons, participants can join **optional tutorials** to further practise their different skills (in a playful manner):

- *ORAL GERMAN, LISTENING COMPREHENSION & VOCABULARY: Oral German (3 times, six different levels)*
- *ORAL GERMAN, LISTENING COMPREHENSION & VOCABULARY: Fairy Tale Theatre (5 times, for all levels)*
- *PRONUNCIATION & VOCABULARY: Summer Choir (5 times, for all levels)*
- *PRONUNCIATION & LISTENING COMPREHENSION: Phonetics (once, for different levels)*
- *GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY: Grammar Games (once, six different levels)*
- *WRITING & VOCABULARY: Creative Writing (twice, for all levels)*
- *LISTENING COMPEHENSION & VOCABULARY: Movie Nights (6 movies, half of them with English subtitles)*

These tutorials are included in the course fee.

Futhermore, you can participate in many further free extracurricular activities which will take place in the afternoons and evenings, i.e. sports, cooking, international cultural evenings, excursions, etc.: → see point C.

All teachers have years of experience in the field of German as a Foreign Language (Deutsch als Fremdsprache - DaF), both in and outside of the university. In the optional language tutorials students of didactics and methodology of German as a Foreign Language will practise conversation and more with you.

Course levels

We will offer **10 courses/groups** for different levels: from Basic Level A1.1 to Advanced Level B2/C1.

An appropriate level for each student is assessed by means of a written placement test on Friday, 03/08. During the first German lessons in the afternoon of 03/08 your teacher will test if your speaking skills and listening comprehension also match the assessed level. If you feel that the assessed level is not right for you (too difficult or too easy), you can still change levels until 08/08. Each group will consist of 10 - 16 students.

The summer course covers approximately half a CEFR level (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages), i.e. B1.1 or B1.2, not the complete B1 level.

Lessons will cover all four skills (speaking, writing, listening, reading) as well as grammar and special vocabulary training. However, the focus in all levels will be on the improvement of your oral communication skills. Textbooks and depending on the level material collected and prepared by the teachers are used in lessons (i.e. texts addressing current cultural and academic topics, literary texts and newspaper articles). The two uppermost level will also listen to and discuss an academic lecture.

Certificate

All participants can receive an ECTS certificate (European Credit Transfer System) upon finishing the course. This requires regular attendance as well as successful participation in the tests conducted during the instructional period (some levels might replace one test with a presentation). You can get up to 6 credit points and a grade will be given to evaluate your performance.

► There won't be a standardised final test, so the summer course certificate is not an exam-certificate like Zertifikat Deutsch, Goethe-Zertifikat or DSH/TestDaF.

C) FREE TIME ACTIVITIES

In the afternoons and evenings various cultural and social events take place: such as sports, cooking evenings, folklore dances and different kind of parties. Participants can present their home countries on so-called "international cultural evenings". There will also be a hike to a look-out tower with a picnic afterwards as well as a guided town walk and other activities in the old town centre.

Furthermore, we will go on three day trips to beautiful towns in the nearby federal states:

- **Mediaeval times in the Harz (low mountain range):**
visit of the UNESCO World Heritage town Quedlinburg (guided town walk), and afterwards visit of castle Falkenstein including a flight presentation of birds of prey (falcons and other)
- **German classics in Weimar (the town of Goethe, Schiller, Bauhaus, et al.):**
guided town walk and a visit to Goethe's residence
- **Romantic times & adventure in Marburg (the town where the brothers Grimm went to university):**
guided town walk and visit of the climbing park

All the before mentioned activities are included in the course fee. However, on excursion days participants need to take care of their lunch and other meals themselves and they also have to pay for sights they visit on their own (only transport and the planned collective visits of sights are included in the course fee).

Extra offers (not included in the course fee):

day trip to hillside park Wilhelmshöhe/Kassel on Sunday 19th, price per person approx. € 15.

D) ACCOMMODATION: room in a student hall

Upon request we will arrange housing for you in a plain single bedroom in a student hall of residence. Unfortunately, the participants of the Summer Course cannot all stay in the same hall. The kitchen and bathroom facilities have to be shared with other inhabitants of the student hall. However, pots and dishes are not in stock in all residences, therefore we recommend you to bring some of your own, if possible. As the student halls are no hotels you need to wash your dishes & dispose of your garbage by yourself and clean your room in the end of the course.



The **cost of renting** such a room is € 295 (for the entire time of the summer course) which includes bed sheets and utilities. Upon arrival we will also charge a security deposit of € 30 in cash for the case of extra cleaning expenses and key replacements. When you clean the room and hand back the keys in the end, you will be paid back the deposit. Please note that you can't use the room before noon of 2nd of August and after 11 a.m. of August 30th.

If you arrive before 02/08 or leave after 30/08, you need to reserve a room some place else, i.a.

<http://www.hostel37.de/index.php/en/>

<https://www.hotelbb.de/en/goettingen-city/overview>

<http://www.boxhotel.de/boxhotel-goettingen-city/>

<http://goettingen.jugendherberge.de/en/ShortPortraet>

or via the Tourist Information: www.goettingen-tourismus.de E-Mail: zimmerreservierung@goettingen.de

E) INTERNET

All participants in the Summer Course will have access to the Internet. You will get a free account for using computers & WLAN on campus, i.e. for receiving & sending e-mails, surfing the Internet, etc. Most rooms in the student halls have WLAN as well (bring along a LAN net cable for a one-time registration in your room.)

F) POST

You can use the following address to receive mail during the time of the Summer Course:

Ihr Name c/o Internationaler Sommerkurs / IIK e.V. / Heinrich-Düker-Weg 12, room 0.113 /
37073 Göttingen / Germany

G) FOOD

All meals can be individually prepared in the communal kitchens of the students housing. However, pots and dishes are not in stock in all halls of residence, therefore we recommend you to bring some of your own.

You can get breakfast at the cafés on campus. Warm lunch meals are available in the university canteen ("Zentralmensa" on campus, Mon - Fri 11:30-18:00 and Sat 11:45-14:30). At the Zentralmensa you can choose between different components and compose your own meal in a free-flow-area: stews, salads, pasta, wok dishes, vegetarian and vegan dishes and more are available. The price depends on what you choose, but expect prices between 2 and 5 euros per meal. These prices are for students only – therefore please remember to bring along your (international) student id for paying at the cash counter. Furthermore, there are also many affordable cafés, fast food and other restaurants in Göttingen.

H) HEALTH INSURANCE

The university / our institute (IIK) do not insure participants of the International Summer Language Course against accidents or sickness. Thus, it is strongly suggested that participants purchase [worldwide insurance coverage](#) for the duration of the summer course prior to departing their home countries.

This should also be valid on the days of arrival and departure.

Examples for insurance companies can be found on our website:

<http://www.iik-goettingen.de/en/courses/summer-erasmus-courses/summer-course/faq-frequently-asked-questions/#sm7>

I) CLIMATE

Usually, August in Göttingen is sunny and warm. Unfortunately, there are also years with bad weather. Therefore: please bring some warm clothes and rain gear in addition to your summer clothes. You can find a weather forecast for the next 5 days online: www.meinestadt.de/goettingen/wetter/vorhersage

J) GETTING HERE

We recommend the following airports when travelling to Göttingen: Hanover, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Bremen. Find detailed information on airports, trains & buses at our website under item [accommodation • food • arrival](#).

K) How do you pay the course fee?

When we have received your registration form, you are sent a confirmation of registration by e-mail. Upon receiving this confirmation, you must credit our bank account (= bank transfer) to the sum of the course fee (+ the renting cost in case of booking a room) within 14 days:

Addressee / Beneficiary: **IIK e.V.** (Institut fuer Interkulturelle Kommunikation)
address: Heinrich-Dueker-Weg 12, 37073 Goettingen

Bank / Financial Institution: **Sparkasse Goettingen** address: Weender Str. 13-15, 37073 Goettingen

BIC (Bank Identifier Code): **NOLADE21GOE** (Bank code in Germany: 260 500 01)

IBAN (International Bank Account Number): **DE13 2605 0001 0000 1346 76** (national account no.: 134676)

Purpose: ***your name + Sommerkurs***

Please consider possible transfer fees and make sure they are not subtracted from the amount. Registration will be effective only on receipt of the full course fee.

L) Do you get your course fee back when cancelling your registration?

[If you cancel you registration until June 15th, 2018, you will get your complete course fee \(and room rent\) back.](#) When cancelling your registration between June 16th and July 20th, we will keep a registration fee of € 300 and you get back the rest of the fee (and room rent). Unfortunately, no refund of the course fee or room rent is possible when cancelling your registration on or after July 21st, 2018.

The course programme outlined above is effective from April 19th, 2018. It may be subject to change.