

# International Spring Course March 4-27, 2020



## German as a Foreign Language communication in everyday & academic life General Information

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<b>Organisation</b>	Carsten Manns
<b>Office Hours:</b>	during the lecture period (November-January): Wednesday 14-16, Thursday 10:00-12:00 during the lecture-free period: only by arrangement during the spring German course: 11:00-11:30 during the break

### Arrival for exchange students

If you are coming to Göttingen **on an exchange programme (ERASMUS+ or another partnership programme)**, please contact **Christiane Seack** (International Office / International Relations) in due time. E-mail: [christiane.seack@zvw.uni-goettingen.de](mailto:christiane.seack@zvw.uni-goettingen.de), phone: 0049-551-3921348  
She can arrange an **Exchange Buddy Service** for your arrival (= a student will pick up your keys and meet you at the train station): <http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/49307.html>

### Spring Course starts

**Wednesday, 4 March 2020**

**9:30 p.m.** compulsory **placement test**

Location: ZHG building on campus,  
first upper floor, in front of room 1.140

### Spring Course ends

**Wednesday, 4 March 2020**

**14:30 a.m.** beginning of lessons

**Friday, 27 March 2020**

**1 p.m. (13:00)** end of lessons

### Placement

- The appropriate level is assessed individually by means of a **written placement test** which takes place on the first day of the course (**4<sup>th</sup>**). We aim to form level groups with an average of 14-18 participants.
- After the compulsory placement test on **Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup>** we will inform you about your placement and the **German language lessons will start**. During that first day you and your teacher will check if the assessed level fits your speaking skills and listening comprehension as well.
- If you feel that the assessed level is too easy or too difficult for you: please talk to your teacher as soon as possible. It is still possible to change the level / group within the first three days of class.

## Language Course / German Lessons

The language course (modules A + B) comprises a total of 92 lessons (each lesson lasts 45 minutes):

### A) General Language Course

- **68 lessons**, Monday to Friday in the mornings from 9:30-11:00 & 11:30-13:00  
exception: On the first day of the course (Wednesday, 3/04.), the first lessons take place from 14:30-18:00 (2:30-6:00 p.m.)
- **4-5 course groups**: from basic level A2 to advanced level C1  
There won't be a beginners' level A1 for participants without any or with only very little knowledge of German.
- **speaking, writing, reading, listening comprehension and grammar**

### B) Introduction to Academic Communication

resp. additional general German lessons for basic level A2 participants

- **24 lessons**, 12 times starting on Mon 3/09, Monday to Thursday from 14:15 to 15:45 (2:15-3:45 p.m.)
- **5 fields of study**: Law, Economics, Humanities & Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Medicine.  
This means that topics and material in class are taken from these fields of study.  
The single subjects of the participants cannot always be incorporated.
- **Contents**: introduction to academic working techniques, i.e. giving presentations in humanities & social sciences, lab reports in natural sciences, legal opinions, structure of term papers, reading academically orientated texts, discipline-specific vocabulary and typical grammatical phenomena of academic communication; academic discussion
- **Prerequisite** for participating in the "introduction to academic communication" is an **intermediate knowledge of German** (B1 or higher). The introduction to academic communication will be held for mixed groups (B1-C1). **Participants of the basic level A2** will have the course **additional general German lessons** (not divided for different fields of study) instead which will consolidate and complement the morning lessons.

## Certificate

All participants receive **two ECTS certificates** (European Credit Transfer System) upon finishing the course:

1) one certificate with **up to 4 credit points** for for the language course in the morning (module A)

2) one certificate with **up to 2 credit points** for the classes in the afternoon (module B )

*(Introduction to Academic Communication resp. Additional General German Lessons)*

→ **overall maximum of 6 credit points.**

This requires **regular attendance** as well as successful **participation in the tests or presentations** conducted during the instructional period.

### Please note:

The Spring German Course is organised / conducted by the **IJK institute which is not part of the university but a non-commercial association** offering intensive German courses in cooperation with the university. For this reason the spring course is not listed in the university's course catalogue ("Modulhandbuch") resp. the online examination management system of Göttingen University ("FlexNow"). The IJK can only issue paper certificates.

**Nevertheless the IJK courses can be acknowledged as "external academic achievement" and transferred as DaF (German as a foreign language) course/examination component to the ToR (Transcript of Records).**

Exception: exchange students who come under the Erasmus+ programme - as the Erasmus regulations require all courses to be free of cost in order to be acknowledged.

## optional: language tutorials and free time activities



In the afternoons and evenings **cultural and social events** as well as some **language tutorials** take place, i.e.:

- film evenings (listening comprehension...)
- oral German tutorial (2x)
- grammar games A2/B1 (1x)
- literature workshop B2/C1 (1x)
- sports -dance evening
- beer tasting -cooking together
- guided town walk
- an „international cultural evening“, when participants can present their home countries and get to know the countries of the other students

### 2 day trips:

- to the city of Kassel (Grimm World museum and hillside park Wilhelmshöhe, *lunch at one's own cost*)
- to the Harz mountains (hike, lunch and bob ride)

**All the before mentioned activities are included in the course fee.**

## Costs / Course Fee

The course fee is **€ 500** (euro). It includes the language course, the teaching material and the programme of free time activities as described above. **Boarding and lodging are not included.**

## Partial grants for ERASMUS students from Central Eastern / Eastern Europe

ERASMUS SOKRATES students from Central Eastern Europe / Eastern Europe (*Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey, Ukraine*) can apply for a **partial grant / reduction of € 150**. This means they would have to pay a course fee of € 350 instead of € 500. Please e-mail your application (2 documents: resume/cv and motivation letter (Why do you want to study at Goettingen University and why do you want to participate in the spring German course?) to [daf.sommerkurs@phil.uni-goettingen.de](mailto:daf.sommerkurs@phil.uni-goettingen.de) until January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the latest. A maximum of 12 partial grants will be awarded.

## Payment of the course fee

When we have received your registration form, you are sent a **confirmation of registration** by e-mail including bank details. Please **credit our bank account** to the sum of the course fee **within 14 days** after receiving the confirmation of registration from us. (→If you apply for a partial grant, you will get the confirmation of registration together with the result of the grant selection. Only at this point you need to pay the [reduced] course fee within 2 weeks.)

Addressee/ Beneficiary:	<b>IIK e.V.</b> (Institut für Interkulturelle Kommunikation e.V. Address: Heinrich-Dueker-Weg 12, 37073 Goettingen)		
Bank/ Financial Institution:	<b>Sparkasse Goettingen</b> (Address: Weender Str. 13-15, 37073 Goettingen)		
BIC (Bank Identifier Code):	<b>NOLADE21GOE</b>		
IBAN (International Bank Account Number):	<b>DE 1326 0500 0100 0013 4676</b>		
	National Account Number: 134676	National Bank Code:	260 500 01
Purpose:	<b>Your name + Fruehlingskurs</b>		

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

## Cancelling your registration –refund of course fee?

**When cancelling your registration until February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, you will get your complete course fee refunded.\*** When cancelling your registration between February 14<sup>st</sup> and March 3<sup>th</sup>, 2020, we will keep a registration fee of € 150 and pay back the rest of the course fee.\*

*\*minus bank fees for non-European transactions*

When cancelling your registration on or after March 3<sup>th</sup>, 2020, we cannot refund your course fee at all.

## Insurance

The Institut für Interkulturelle Kommunikation (IKK) does not insure participants of the Intensive German Courses against accidents or sickness. Thus, it is strongly suggested that participants purchase **worldwide insurance coverage** for the duration of their stay prior to departing their home countries. Your insurance should also be valid on the days of arrival and departure.

Mrs. Christiane Seack (International Office) will help you with questions concerning insurances available in Göttingen. Alternatively, there are also insurances companies whose products can be purchased online, i.e. EDUCARE24, CARE CONCEPT, MAWISTA, EUROPE-CARE, PROVISIT-VISUM.

## Accommodation

All students who come to Göttingen on an **exchange programme from a partner university** need to indicate on the enrolment form of the International Office (which you are printing out in the end when enrolling online for the exchange programme), if they need a room during their stay.

**In case of questions please contact:**

**Ms. Gunda Asselmeyer**

Phone: +49-(0)551 / 39-21338 ✉ [gunda.asselmeyer@zvw.uni-goettingen.de](mailto:gunda.asselmeyer@zvw.uni-goettingen.de)  
Accommodation Service for International Students, Welcome Centre University of Göttingen  
<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/364087.html>

The rooms in the student halls are **plain single bedrooms**.

Usually, you have to **share the bathroom and kitchen facilities** with your fellow hallmates.

**External participants** can try to get a private room as short-term let ("Zwischenmiete"):

- [www.studenten-wg.de](http://www.studenten-wg.de)
- [www.wg-gesucht.de](http://www.wg-gesucht.de)
- [www.zwischenmiete.de](http://www.zwischenmiete.de)

Hostels/cheap hotels in Göttingen:

- [www.hostel37.de](http://www.hostel37.de)
- [www.jugendherberge.de/jh/goettingen](http://www.jugendherberge.de/jh/goettingen)
- [www.boxhotel.de/boxhotel-goettingen-city/](http://www.boxhotel.de/boxhotel-goettingen-city/)
- [www.hotelbb.de/de/goettingen-city](http://www.hotelbb.de/de/goettingen-city)

## Food

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

**In March you can get warm meals from lunch time until dinner time in the university refectory (Mensa) on campus** ("Zentralmensa": open Mon - Fri 11:30-18:00 and Sat 11:45-14:30). You can choose between different components and compose your own meal in free-flow-areas. The price depends on what you choose, but expect prices between 2 and 4 euros per meal.

These prices are for students only - **since you won't have your Göttingen University chipcard right away, remember to bring your international student ID (i.e. ISIC) or a student ID of your home university and pay at the cash counter.** (For paying student prices in cash it is necessary to show a student ID.)

There are also several cafés / cafeterias on campus where you can get a small breakfast or snack and lots of fast food restaurants and bakeries in the old town close to campus.

## Internet

Once you get your student ID at the issuing counter at ZHG, you will also get a free internet account for students (studIT account) which allows you to use almost all public computers and printers on campus (for example in the entrance area of the SUB and other libraries or in the MZG/blue tower building). There are also special computer rooms of the single faculties (CIP-Pools) with different devices (printers etc.). → Therefore try to enrol as soon as possible in order to get your chip card!

## Getting here – airport, train connections and long-distance busses

The closest airport is Hanover (Hannover) which can be approached by several inner-European budget airlines (i.e. Tuifly or Eurowings). The airport in Frankfurt is a bit further away, but you can easily get to Göttingen by train. Also Hamburg Airport is a good choice for arrival.



You can get information on train schedules and fares in Germany at the **website of the Deutsche Bahn: [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de)** (<general information, special offers) or <http://reiseauskunft.bahn.de> (train schedules). You can choose a different language/country at the top right corner (i.e. Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, USA are available) and receive special information for international guests.

**Long-distance busses/coaches** are often a lot cheaper than taking the train.

Check out [www.busradar.com](http://www.busradar.com) [www.checkmybus.de](http://www.checkmybus.de) [www.eurolines.de](http://www.eurolines.de)

Would you like to be picked up from the train station or bus station upon arrival in Göttingen?

→ Check the information on the „**Exchange Buddy Service**“ on page 1.

## Any more questions?

- ▶ enrolment exchange programme, matriculation at Göttingen University, Exchange Buddy Service  
→ International Office, Christiane Seack, [christiane.seack@zvw.uni-goettingen.de](mailto:christiane.seack@zvw.uni-goettingen.de)  
<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/48649.html>
- ▶ room / student hall for exchange students / international students at Göttingen University:  
→ Accommodation Service, Helena Hoffmann, [accommodation@uni-goettingen.de](mailto:accommodation@uni-goettingen.de)  
<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/364086.html>
- ▶ intensive German language course (International Spring Course), March 4<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
→ IIK (Institut für Interkulturelle Kommunikation) e.V., [daf.sommerkurs@phil.uni-goettingen.de](mailto:daf.sommerkurs@phil.uni-goettingen.de)  
<https://www.iik-goettingen.de/en/courses/summer-erasmus-courses/spring-german-course/>
- ▶ free (non-intensive) German language course during the lecture period (mid of April – mid of July)  
→ Lektorat Deutsch als Fremdsprache, [lektorat.daf@phil.uni-goettingen.de](mailto:lektorat.daf@phil.uni-goettingen.de)  
<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/7710.html>

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**Please note:** The course programme outlined above is effective from November 1th, 2019.  
**It may be subject to change.**