

International Summer Course 2020

Learning German at University in charming Göttingen

August 01-29, 2020

Intensive German Course at the University of Göttingen

General Information



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March: by agreement

Please take along your student id when coming to Göttingen!

A) IMPORTANT DATES

Arrival and Registration Day: **Saturday, 01st August 2020**

On arrival and registration day our office is open **from 12:00 noon until 7 p.m. (19:00)**. There in the arrival and registration office you will receive further information about the summer course (i.e. an internet account for the university campus and a confirmation letter for the Mensa/cafeteria), we will have snacks and something to drink and if we have arranged accommodation for you (→see point D) our tutors will take you there.

Compulsory written placement test: **Monday, August 3rd, 2020**

from 10:00 placement test, campus tour and Mensa, 14:15 German class
in the early evening snack and welcome meeting

Lessons start: **Monday, August 3th, 2020**

14.00 announcement of the placement, from 14.15 German lessons

Lessons end: **Friday, August 28, 2020**

in the morning: German lessons & evaluation
in the afternoon: official handing over of the certificates
in the evening: farewell party / international cultural eve

Departure (for participants for whom we have arranged accommodation): **Saturday, 29/08/2020**
until 11 a.m. (in the morning)

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, 12th also from 14:15-15:45.

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 practice their different skills (in a playful manner):

- **ORAL GERMAN** (3 times, six different levels → oral German, listening comprehension, vocabulary)
- **PHONETICS** (twice, for different levels → pronunciation & listening comprehension)
- **CHOIR/SINGING** (4 times, for all levels → pronunciation & vocabulary)
- **WORKSHOP LITERATURE & CREATIVE WRITING** (twice, for all levels → reading, writing, vocabulary)
- **MOVIE NIGHTS** (2 movies → listening comprehension & vocab.)
- **MINI PROJECTS** (4 times, depending on the levels on topics like typical German, migration, proverbs, German pop, improve/drama games et al. → oral German, listening & reading comprehension, vocabulary)

These tutorials are included in the course fee.

Moreover, many further **free extracurricular activities** will take place in the afternoons and evenings, i.e. sports, cooking, international cultural evenings, dance eves, parties, hikes, 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 practice conversation and more with you.

Course levels

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

An appropriate level for each student is assessed by means of a **written placement test** on Saturday, 03/08. On the first day of class 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 07/08. **Each group will consist of 10 - 16 students/participants.**

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).

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 must not miss more than 12 lessons of 45 minutes (= 3 mornings).

You can get **up to 6 credit points** and a **grade** will be given to evaluate your performance.

► There won't be a standardized 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, dance evenings** 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 center. 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 the museum Grimm World and to hillside park Wilhelmshöhe on Sunday, 23th, fee approx. € 25-30



D) ACCOMMODATION

Unfortunately, we cannot arrange accommodation for all participants, **only for student groups of the following partner universities** of the international summer course: ► *Beijing Dexin Cultural Exchange Startup/Ltd.* ► *Chosun University* ► *EWHA Womans University* ► *INU* ► *Jinan University (lecturer Liu)* ► *Kansai University* ► *Moscow State Academy for Water Transport and National Research Nuclear University* ► *SYNU (lecturer Guo)* ► *UPEC.*

► You pay a **rental price of € 360** (euro) per person and room for the complete period of the summer course (August 1-29, 2020). This includes: the rent including utilities, a fee of € 10 for the bedding/covers/linen, and a service fee of € 40 for the room arrangement. If the total amount should be less than € 360, we will refund the difference to you in cash on the first day of the course. If the total amount should be more than € 360, we will pay the difference ourselves. ► The rooms are **basic** and plain **single rooms, furnished student-style, meals not being provided.** ► Usually, the kitchen and bathroom facilities need to be shared with other inhabitants.

► We only arrange rooms in Göttingen which are located centrally enough to either walk or ride by bike to the central campus. On arrival day and on the first day of class we will provide information on cheap possibilities to rent a bike. Alternatively, you can use town buses. ► **The International Summer Course is not the landlord/lessor of the rooms, we only arrange the sublet/rental contract.** If there is a security deposit to be paid, you will pay it directly in cash to the landlord/lessor upon arrival and the landlord/lessor will refund you in cash upon departure if there are no damages. You will need to clean the room yourself at the end of the summer course.

► Please note that you **can't use your room before 12 noon on Saturday, 1st of August** and after 11:00 in the morning on Saturday, 29th of August.

Participants who register individually need to find accommodation on their own, i.e. by using the following websites: <https://www.wg-gesucht.de> <http://www.studenten-wg.de> <https://www.zwischenmiete.de>
<https://de-de.facebook.com/WG.Zimmer.frei.in.Goettingen/> <https://www.airbnb.de>
<https://www.couchsurfing.com/> <https://www.goettingen-tourismus.de/accommodation.html>

The number of room offers will rise when August approaches - you will find the highest number of room offers from May to July. **For single nights** (i.e. when arriving earlier or departing later), you could reserve a room/bed here: <https://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>

E) FOOD

All meals can be individually prepared in the communal kitchens of the student halls or private flats.

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.

F) 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 or private (shared) flats have WLAN as well.

G) POST

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

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

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. It can be hot in July and cool down in August and vice versa. **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) Do you get your course fee back when cancelling your registration?

If you cancel you registration until June 12th, 2020, you will get your complete course fee (and room rent) back*. When cancelling your registration between June 13th and July 17th, 2020 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 18th, 2020.

* minus bank fees for non-European transactions

The course programme outlined above is effective from January 9th, 2020. It may be subject to change.