

# International Autumn Course general information



communication in everyday & academic life  
07 September – 30 September 2020

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Wednesdays 14:00-16:00 + Thursdays 10:00-12:00

during the lecture-free period:

only by arrangement



## Level Placement

- The appropriate level is assessed individually by means of a **written placement test** which takes place on the first day of the course (7<sup>th</sup>). We aim to form level groups with an average of 14-18 participants.
- On the same day (Monday 7<sup>th</sup>) we will inform you about your placement and the **German language lessons will start**. During that first day 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.

## German Language Course starts:

### Monday, September 7, 2020

- ▶ **10:00 a.m.** registration for the **compulsory written placement test (for levels A1.2 – C1)**  
ZHG building (Zentrales Hörsaalgebäude), 1st upper floor in front of room 1.140  
central campus (Platz der Göttinger Sieben 5)
- ▶ 10:15 a.m. start of the placement test
- ▶ Approx. 11:00 campus tour & lunch break
- ▶ **13:45 (1:45 p.m.)** announcement of the assessed levels  
in front of VG building (Verfügungsgebäude),  
Platz der Göttinger Sieben 7
- ▶ 14:00-15:30 / 16:00-17:30 **German language lessons** in VG building
- ▶ 17:30 meeting in front of VG: walk to the old town for a welcome snack

## German Language Course ends:

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

▶ **13:00 (1 p.m.)**

language lessons end

## German Language Course

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 9:00-10:30 & 11:00-12:30  
exception: first day: Monday 7/9: lessons in the afternoon from 14:00 to 17:30 (see page 1)
- **9-10 course groups**: from basic level 1 (A1.1) to advanced level (C1)
- **speaking, writing, reading, listening comprehension and grammar**

### B) Introduction to Academic Communication

**resp. additional general German lessons for basic level participants**

- **24 lessons**, 12 times from Monday to Friday from 14:00 to 15:30 (2:00-3:30 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** will have the course **additional general German lessons** (not divided for different fields of study) instead which will consolidate and complement the morning lessons.

## Teachers and tutors

- All teachers have **years of experience** in the field of German as a Foreign Language (Deutsch als Fremdsprache / DaF), both in and outside of university.
- All teachers for the afternoon lessons have an academic background in the respective field of studies.

## Certificate

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

- 1) one certificate with **up to 4 credit points** 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 Autumn 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).**

## optional: language tutorials and free time activities



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

- sports -a hike -swimming -dance evening -international picnic
- participants can present their home country at the so-called "international culture evening"
- guided old town walk -movie nights (listening comprehension...)
- tutorials: 2x oral German, 1x phonetics, 1x creative writing in a pub

Furthermore, on two Saturdays we will go on **excursions**, i.e.

- to the Harz Mountains for a visit of **Goslar**, former imperial residence and the mine museum Rammelsberg (world heritage site)
- to **Eisenach** for a visit of the house of Johann Sebastian Bach and the Wartburg Castle where Martin Luther took refuge and wrote his translation of the bible



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

**fee.** However, on excursion days participants have 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).

## Costs / Course Fee

The course fee is **€ 500** (euro).

It includes the language course, the teaching material and the programme of free time activities.

**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 email your application (2 documents: motivation letter [Why do you want to study at Goettingen University and why do you want to participate in the autumn German course?]) and resume/cv) until June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to ✉ [daf.sommerkurs@phil.uni-goettingen.de](mailto:daf.sommerkurs@phil.uni-goettingen.de)

A maximum of 20 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 email 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 Göttingen</b> (Adresse: Weender Str. 13-15, 37073 Goettingen)	
IBAN (International Bank Account Number): <b>DE 1326 0500 0100 0013 4676</b>	BIC: <b>NOLADE21GOE</b>
<i>National Account Number: 134676 and National Bank Code: 260 500 01</i>	
Purpose: <b>Your name + Herbstkurs</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.**

## Canceling your registration –refund of course fee?

When **canceling your registration** until August 6th, 2020, you will get your complete course fee refunded\*. When cancelling your registration between August 7<sup>th</sup> and September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020, we will keep a registration fee of € 150 and pay back the rest of the course fee\*.

When cancelling your registration on or after September 4th, 2020, we cannot refund your course fee at all, unfortunately. *\*minus bank fees for non-European transactions*

## Insurance

The Institut für Interkulturelle Kommunikation (IIK) 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. This 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:**

**Accommodation Service for International Students**

Welcome Centre University of Göttingen

✉ [accommodation@uni-goettingen.de](mailto:accommodation@uni-goettingen.de) Phone: +49-(0)551 / 39-21338

The rooms in the student halls are **plain single bedrooms**. [accommodation@uni-goettingen.de](mailto:accommodation@uni-goettingen.de)

Usually, you have to **share the bathroom and kitchen facilities** with your fellow flat resp. hall mates.

*For the time when you don't have a room in a student hall (yet/anymore):*

Hostels/cheap hotels in Göttingen:

- <http://www.hostel37.de/index.php/en/>
- <http://goettingen.jugendherberge.de/en/ShortPortraet>
- [www.boxhotel.de/boxhotel-goettingen-city/](http://www.boxhotel.de/boxhotel-goettingen-city/)
- <https://www.hotelbb.de/en/goettingen-city/overview>

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

- <http://www.wg-gesucht.de/en/>
- [https://www.zwischenmiete.de/angebote\\_lesen.php](https://www.zwischenmiete.de/angebote_lesen.php)

## 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.

**In September 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 WLAN and almost all computers on campus (for example in the entrance area of the SUB, the MZG building or the library in Socio-Oeconomicum).

→ Therefore try to enrol as soon as possible in order to get your chip card!

There are also computer rooms in many of the student residences and nowadays most students can use internet in their rooms as well (please contact the internet tutor of your residence hall in case of problems). We recommend to bring along a LAN cable for your first-time registration.

There are also special computer rooms of the single faculties (CIP-Pools) with different devices (printers etc.).

## Getting here – airports and train connections

The closest airport is Hanover (Hannover) which can be approached by several inner-European budget airlines (i.e. Tuifly, 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:** <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**“ of the international office (Christiane Seack):

<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/exchange+buddy+service+%28pick-up+service%29/49307.html>

## 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 for International Students, [accommodation@uni-goettingen.de](mailto:accommodation@uni-goettingen.de)  
<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/364086.html>
- ▶ intensive German language course (International Autumn Course), September 7<sup>th</sup>- October 2<sup>nd</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/autumn-german-course/>
- ▶ free (non-intensive) German language course during the lecture period (mid of October – end of January)  
→ 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 11 February 2020. It may be subject to change.