Foreign Language Training – German (Advanced)

Overview

The course is aimed at a wide range of students with an interest in improving their German with one of the following:

- Completed the Babel Intermediate German Course
- A high degree of fluency and accuracy in the language
- An A-level or equivalent over 4 years old, and further contact with the language
- Babel assessment of the equivalent of B1/B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

Classes are delivered online or can be arranged for face-to-face if requested.

Course Objectives

The objective of this course is to perfect existing language skills and to achieve the equivalent of C1/C2 level of the CEFR.

By the end of the course, you will:

- be able to understand a range of spoken and written discourses in different styles: factual, journalistic and non-specialist technical with ease
- be able to express yourself orally and in written form using a range of accurate vocabulary and appropriate register, stating an opinion with confidence
- be able to refine your intercultural competence by accessing political, historical and cultural information from a variety of sources
- have further developed intercultural competence and be conversant with a variety of issues in German speaking countries

How is the course taught?

- A communicative approach is used. All four skills (speaking, reading, listening and writing) are practised, with the main emphasis on speaking.
- Students engage in interactive language activities, participating in group and pair work based on systematic grammatical progression.
- Students will also be offered guidance in self-study and set homework tasks.

Course Content

Topics

- Science for children
- Visions for the future
- Online Shopping
- Communication at the workplace
- Art and culture
- Languages
- Current affairs: politics, economy and society
- German literature: poems, short stories and novels
- The future: technology, man, art

Students will also be given the opportunity to present a topic of their own choice to discuss in the lesson.
Functions
Explaining rules and regulations
Expressing agreement, doubt, and disagreement
Making and rejecting suggestions
Understanding advice and information
Understanding positive or negative expressions
Conducting a phone conversation

Summarising information
Writing a personal letter / a short story
Discussing social, cultural, political and economic issues
Understanding complex content
Expressing future visions
Creating and delivering presentations

Grammar
The course will consolidate some grammar structures according to the students’ needs. Some of the structures which present specific difficulty for non-native German speakers will be revised during the course, for example:

Passive tense and alternatives
Indefinite pronouns
Konjunktiv II (comparing statements)
Comparison sentences with als, als ob and als wenn
Text grammar: coherence

Modal clauses: dadurch, dass and indem
Participles as adjectives
Connectors
Prepositions with genitive
Word formation

Course details

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