

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

Duration	90-minutes per class (No. of classes based on needs)
Max delegates:	6 Face-to-face 6 Online

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