

## Foreign Language Training – German (Intermediate)

### 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 Beginner German Course
- Received approximately 90-120 hours' tuition
- A recent GCSE/O-level grade A\*
- Babel assessment of the equivalent of A1/A2 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 develop existing language skills further and to achieve the equivalent of B1/B2 level of the CEFR.

By the end of the course, you will:

- be able to understand authentic speech with ease and communicate confidently on a variety of subjects using a wide range of vocabulary and complex grammatical structures
- be able to read extracts from authentic literature with almost 100% understanding
- be able to write a number of complex texts in different registers with high degree of accuracy, employing a wide range of structures and vocabulary
- 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

Living, studying, or working in Europe  
Theatre  
Volunteering  
Landscapes and nature, (sustainable) travel, and travel accommodations  
Migration; living abroad; where and what is home (Heimat)  
Christmas and German Christmas markets

History of a city; memorial sites; the Duden dictionary and Konrad Duden's biography  
Employee expectations; job adverts; job interview; resolving conflicts in the workplace  
Inclusivity and accessibility  
Coffee and Cafés; sustainability  
Inventions and life hacks

Looking into the future and the past;  
feeling the passing of time  
Happiness in the work environment

### **Functions**

Asking for advice or help; giving advice;  
making polite requests  
Taking notes; summarising information  
and a text  
Saying what you (don't) want to do  
Explaining the meaning of words  
Expressing wishes and conditions  
Leading a discussion  
Rating a travel accommodation  
Mediating between languages  
Clarifying something by using examples  
Writing a commentary

### **Grammar**

Subjunctive forms (Konjunktiv II) of modal  
verbs  
Adverbs as modifiers  
Infinitive with zu  
Subordinate clauses with während,  
sodass, da and weil  
Subjunctive (Konjunktiv II) present tense:  
Wenn..., dann...  
Relative clauses in the middle of a  
sentence  
Questions with prepositions (worum,  
worüber, worauf, womit, an wen, auf  
wen)  
Während, wegen, trotz + genitive;  
adjective endings in genitive singular and  
plural  
Relative pronouns wo and was  
Negotiating a sequence with bevor...;  
erst..., dann... and asking for confirmation  
Verbs with the dative and accusative  
Diminutives  
Strengthening or weakening statements  
with ganz, relativ, wirklich, total, absolut

CVs and application letters  
Projects against violence and poverty  
Online behaviour and addictions

Summarising a biographical text  
Taking minutes  
Describing something in detail  
Conducting surveys and interviews  
Presenting products  
Making and reacting to predictions  
Understanding and summarizing statistics  
Expressing wishes, expectations and  
intentions  
Defending your point of view in a  
discussion  
Writing a CV

Possessive and indefinite articles in  
genitive  
Alternative conjunctions weder... noch;  
nicht nur..., sondern auch  
Adjectives with -reich, -los, -voll  
Nouns with -keit and -heit  
Past perfect  
Expressing alternatives with entweder ...  
oder ...  
Actions and consequences with je ...,  
desto ...  
Adjectives with -los and -frei  
Relative pronouns in the genitive  
Use of trotzdem  
Telling what you need (or don't need) to  
do with brauchen + zu + infinitive  
Present participles as adjectives (Den  
Alltag erleichternde Lösungen)  
Two-part connectors  
Connectors um zu, ohne zu, anstatt zu and  
alternatives  
Relative clauses with wer  
Noun-verbs connections

### Course details

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

For prices and dates please get in touch

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