

Course Levels

Course Level	Duration	Course Book 'Schritte International neu' / Chapter	Description
Beginner 1 CEFR A1.1	12 weeks	1 1 – 4	Starting from scratch, you will learn the basics of German and by the end of the course you will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce yourself • Ask questions about others • Greet people • Fill in forms • Talk about family, house and food • Spell, count, measure, identify colours
Beginner 2 CEFR A1.1	12 weeks	1 5 – 7	Know some basics but want to benefit from studying in a group. At the end of the course you will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about your daily and weekly routine • Tell the time • Order in a restaurant • Go shopping • Talk about your hobbies / interests • Discuss the weather and seasons • Talk about your skills
Elementary 1 CEFR A1.2	15 weeks	2 8 – 11	If you are comfortable enough spending a holiday in Germany and expressing what you want in a variety of situations, now is the time to develop these skills and deepen the conversation. Let's learn how to discuss:

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jobs and careers • Past and present experiences • Visiting a city as a tourist (asking for and giving advice) • Booking a hotel • Direction • Health and the human body • Describing people
Elementary 2 CEFR A1.2	15 weeks	2 12 – 14	<p>This course concludes the CEFR Level A1, where you will be able to understand and communicate in simple, everyday expressions. These topics will be covered in the class:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding written notes and phone conversations • Requesting services • Clothes • Talking about what you like and dislike • Making appointments • Inviting guests • Festivities and celebrations
Upper Elementary 1 CEFR A2.1	15 weeks	3 1 – 4	<p>Having mastered the basics, in the following courses you will now learn to express yourself in a more sophisticated manner and understand more complex texts and conversations. These topics are covered in the course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasoning • Talking about travel experiences • Talking about locations (Grammar: Wechselpräpositionen) • Speaking about the household • Giving advice • Conditions • Phone conversations in the workplace
Upper Elementary 2 CEFR A2.1	15 weeks	3 5 – 7	<p>Continuation from Upper Elementary 1. The topics covered in this course include:</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Fitness (Grammar: reflexive Verben) • Emotions • Phone enquiries • School system in Germany and talking about school memories • Adult education • Giving presents • Planning / Organising a party
Lower Intermediate 1 CEFR A2.2	15 weeks	4 8 – 11	<p>Your level of German during this course will enable you to make yourself understood in simple, routine situations, allowing you to describe your background, education, and your needs and circumstances in a simple way:</p> <p>These topics are covered in the class:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expressing wishes • Making suggestions • Weekend activities and events • Describing objects and products • Comparisons • Understanding non personal circumstances (Grammar: Passive voice) • Understanding traffic news
Lower Intermediate 2 CEFR A2.2	15 weeks	4 12 – 14	<p>This course concludes the basic level of German teaching. It is particularly suitable as a refresher course to students who have previously studied German to a high level (e.g. A-level) but have not used it in a long time. This course prepares students to take part in the Intermediate level courses.</p> <p>These topics are covered in the class:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travelling / booking a trip • Money and banking • Talking about the past • Understanding radio interviews • Reading statistics

Intermediate CEFR B1.1	2x15 weeks	5 1 – 7	<p>At Intermediate level you will build on all the basics you have learnt so far. Your vocabulary will become wider and your style more sophisticated to adjust to a variety of different situations and settings.</p> <p>These topics are covered in this course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading and discussing newspaper articles • Talking about childhood memories • Finding consensus in a group discussion • Expressing opinions and preferences • Polite language in disagreement and conflict • Job applications
Advanced CEFR B1.2	2x15 weeks	6 8 – 14	<p>This course concludes B1 level of the European Framework of Reference and is regarded as the minimum level for qualified employment on the German job market. Separate exam preparation for B1 level can be arranged in private tuition at the end of this course.</p> <p>These topics are covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Talk and team meetings • Understanding technical instructions and manuals • Planning and agreeing on processes • Retelling misfortunes and complaining about unsatisfying goods/services • Understanding and giving advice • History and Politics
Proficient CEFR B2/C1			<p>This high-level German class will be tailored to the interests of the participants. We will spend a lot of time training active language skills (speaking and writing) and explore topics like</p>

			<p>literature, history, culture, travelling, current affairs, ...</p> <p>We will not use a specific book in this class, but a mix of original sources, such as newspaper and magazine articles, videos, radio programmes or podcasts.</p>
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