

## German as a Foreign Language

### Why learn German and how to learn this rather complicated language as fast as possible?

We recommend you to have a look at this website <https://www.studying-in-germany.org/learn-german/>

Below you will find an overview of various institutions in Erlangen, Fürth and Nuremberg offering German courses.

The courses offered differ by price, frequency of lessons per week and class hours. The “Infopackage” helps you to choose a school or course to best meet your needs.

Please contact the Dual Career Service / Dual Career Netzwerk Nordbayern if you need assistance or further information.

### Group vs. individual lessons

Group lessons have the advantage of enabling quick social contact with class mates. In contrast, by taking individual lessons you make faster progress in learning the language. Personal tutors may be an option, if you prefer learning at home.

Further information on learning German as a foreign language and how to choose a method that best meets your needs: <http://goethe.de/ges/spa/dos/daf/enindex.htm>

### Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

The classification of the courses is according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR): learning, teaching, assessment is a guideline used to describe and evaluate a learner’s achievement of foreign languages across Europe . The Common European Framework divides learners into three broad divisions, which are further divided into six levels:

- A Basic User
- A1 Breakthrough or beginner
- A2 Waystage or elementary
- B Independent User
- B1 Threshold or intermediate
- B2 Vantage or upper intermediate
- C Proficient User
- C1 Effective Operational Proficiency or advanced
- C2 Mastery or proficiency

German examinations with a seal of approval: The Goethe-Institut’s German language examinations correspond to the levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) and range from A1 for beginners to C2 for language skills at the highest level. You can pass these exams at the Goethe-Institut and at the Volkshochschule (VHS).

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Common\\_European\\_Framework\\_of\\_Reference\\_for\\_Languages](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Common_European_Framework_of_Reference_for_Languages)

[http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic//Cadre1\\_en.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic//Cadre1_en.asp)

<http://goethe.de/lrn/prf/enindex.htm>

<http://vhs-sprachpruefungen.de/Info/Default.aspx>

## Institutions offering German courses

### Federal Employment Agency (Agentur für Arbeit)

The agency can provide you with a voucher for a free of charge German course at the "BFZ". Prerequisite is however, that you can testify that you have level A1 and are registered as seeking employment. Courses start with A2. However you might have to wait some months until a course in your level is offered.

### The VHS Volkshochschule (Adult Education Center)

The **VHS Volkshochschule** (Adult Education Center) offers a wide range of courses "German as a Foreign Language" (as well as many other subjects e.g. history, politics, crafts etc.): daily intensive courses during the day and in the evenings, holiday courses, weekend-courses. The courses are held in the VHS buildings or at public schools. You can find the VHS at Erlangen, Nürnberg and Fürth. Courses are offered at a rather low price; therefore the classes are rather big. As VHS is a public institution, it has semester holidays for several weeks twice a year (when no classes take place).

#### ▪ Volkshochschule Erlangen (VHS)

Friedrichstr. 19-21  
91054 Erlangen  
Phone: 09131/862668  
[www.vhs-erlangen.de](http://www.vhs-erlangen.de)

Entry-level test for VHS Erlangen: online (textbook: Themen)  
[http://www.hueber.de/seite/pg\\_einstufung\\_online\\_the](http://www.hueber.de/seite/pg_einstufung_online_the)

Contact person: Reinhard Beer, Friedrichstr.19-21, Zimmer 104, 91054 Erlangen  
Phone: 09131/862667  
[Reinhard.beer@stadt.erlangen.de](mailto:Reinhard.beer@stadt.erlangen.de)

Advisory service: every Wednesday 10 to 12 am

#### ▪ Volkshochschule Fürth (VHS)

Hirschstr. 27/29  
90762 Fürth  
Phone: 0911/9741700  
[www.vhs-fuerth.de](http://www.vhs-fuerth.de)

Entry-level test VHS Fürth: application required (textbook: Schritte plus)

Contact person: Felice Balletta, Hirschenstraße 27/29, 90762 Fürth  
Phone: 0911/974-1702  
[Balletta@vhs-fuerth.de](mailto:Balletta@vhs-fuerth.de)

#### ▪ Bildungszentrum Stadt Nürnberg (BZ)

Gewerbemuseumsplatz 1  
90403 Nürnberg  
Phone: 0911/231-5824  
[www.bz.nuernberg.de](http://www.bz.nuernberg.de)

Entry-level test BZ Nürnberg: online (textbook: Schritte)  
[http://www.hueber.de/seite/pg\\_einstufung\\_online\\_sri](http://www.hueber.de/seite/pg_einstufung_online_sri)

Contact person: Helga Kuttner, Gewerbemuseumsplatz 1, Zimmer 321, 90403 Nürnberg  
Phone: 0911/231-5824  
[Helga.kuttner@stadt.nuernberg.de](mailto:Helga.kuttner@stadt.nuernberg.de)

Advisory service: daily

### Private Language Schools

New courses start at the beginning of every month. The schools offer crash courses, evening courses, conversation courses, one-on-one-courses, etc. Arrangements for a teacher coming to your house are also possible. Fees are higher than at the VHS. Examinations mostly accepted. Please contact the schools directly for an entry-level test.

#### Erlangen

- Language Center Erlangen, Inh. Rosie Norman-Neubauer, Zeppelinstr. 15, 91052 Erlangen, Tel.: 09131/52027, Fax: 09131/52067, Email: [info@LC-erlangen.de](mailto:info@LC-erlangen.de);  
<http://www.lc-erlangen.de/>
- Sprachschule für Deutsch, Inh. Monika Ebert, Schuhstraße 12, 91052 Erlangen, Tel./Fax.: 09131/204850 Email: [info@learn-german-erlangen.de](mailto:info@learn-german-erlangen.de) (offers courses in the evenings, small groups); <http://www.learn-german-erlangen.de/>
- Sprachenstudio Döring, Inh. Irene Döring & Monika Märkl, Henkestr. 77, 91052 Erlangen, Tel.: +49 (0)9131-20 54 45, Fax: +49 (0)9131-27 514, Email: [info@sprachstudio-doering.de](mailto:info@sprachstudio-doering.de), only one-to-one-lessons; <http://www.sprachstudio-doering.de/>

#### Nürnberg

- Primus Fremdsprachen, Frauentorgraben 43 90443 Nürnberg, Tel.: 0911/24608, Fax: 0911/204267 Email: [info@primus-fremdsprachen.de](mailto:info@primus-fremdsprachen.de) ; <http://www.primus-fremdsprachen.de>
- Berlitz.de, Königstraße 2, 90402 Nürnberg, Tel.: 0911/224585, Fax: 0911/224906;  
<http://www.berlitz.de/de/nuernberg/>
- Inlingua Nürnberg, Marienstr. 8, 90402 Nürnberg, Tel.: 0911 221031 oder 0800-46546482 (Rückrufservice) Fax: 0911 221032; <http://www.inlingua-nuernberg.de/>
- Smart Academy, Frauengasse 12, 90402 Nürnberg, Tel.: 0911 2358272;  
<http://www.smartacademy.de/index.php/en/deutsch-en>
- CR-Sprach-Schulungen, Celtisstraße 18, 90459 Nürnberg, Tel.: 0911 /453599 Fax: 0911/453574, Email: [cr-sprachschule@arcor.de](mailto:cr-sprachschule@arcor.de), <http://www.cr-sprachschule.de>
- Logos-Sprachinstitut, Gostenhofer Schulgasse 28, 90443 Nürnberg, Tel.: 0911/2877725

Fax: 0911/2877727, Email: [info@logos-sprachen.de](mailto:info@logos-sprachen.de); [http://logos-sprachen.de/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=4&Itemid=59](http://logos-sprachen.de/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=4&Itemid=59)

## Studying at the University

### Language Center at FAU

Guest students are allowed to participate in language classes at the Language Center. However, normal students have priority and guest students are only admitted if free places are available. Guest students have to pay a fee of 30 Euro per SWS and Semester. 1 SWS = 14 hours of lectures of 45 minutes. Max. 25 students are admitted per course.

Further information on how to enroll as guest student: <https://www.fau.eu/study/prospective-students/degree-programmes/guest-students/>

### Integration course

Each integration course consists of a language course and an orientation course. The general integration course comprises 660 lessons, and depending on the focus of the course that applies to you, the course could last for up to 960 lessons in total. (6 – 9 month)

There are full-time and part-time courses available. As a general rule, the integration course is attended on a full-time basis.

Before the integration course begins, the course provider will carry out an assessment test. The result will help determine which course module you should begin with and whether it would be useful for you to attend a special integration course.

The total fee for the course is about 1.287 €, upon request half of the costs can be reimbursed as well as travel expenses.

For further information:

<http://www.bamf.de/EN/Willkommen/DeutschLernen/Integrationskurse/integrationskurse-node.html>

[http://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Anlagen/EN/Downloads/Infothek/Integrationskurse/Kursteilnehmer/MerkblaetterAuslaender/630-009\\_merkblatt-zum-antrag-auf-zulassung.pdf?\\_\\_blob=publicationFile](http://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Anlagen/EN/Downloads/Infothek/Integrationskurse/Kursteilnehmer/MerkblaetterAuslaender/630-009_merkblatt-zum-antrag-auf-zulassung.pdf?__blob=publicationFile)

Local information:

<https://vhs-erlangen.de/Infos%20zu%20Integrationskursen.html>

## Online-Course, Self-study

### Goethe Institute

- Online self-study. The offer is free of charge, but not tutored.

<https://www.goethe.de/prj/dfd/de/home.cfm>

- Individual online courses <http://www.goethe.de/lrn/prj/fer/deindex.htm>

**Deutsche Welle:**

- Free of charge online-offer for German as a foreign language

<http://www.dw.de/learn-german/german-courses/s-2547>

**Deutsch lernen**

- Free of charge classes for German as a foreign language

[http://www.deutsch-lernen.com/d\\_index.php](http://www.deutsch-lernen.com/d_index.php)