

What do you have to do before the course?



In your application for your semester abroad at Philipps-University you have requested to take part in the intensive pre-session German course. To confirm your registration, we will send you an e-mail with a questionnaire at the end of January. Please return this questionnaire in due time!

Please make sure to inform us in the event that

- you cannot be in Marburg in time for the placement test (Friday, 2nd March at 2 p.m.).
- you cannot be in Marburg in time for the beginning of the course (Wednesday, 7th March at 9 a.m.).

Without notification in these cases we cannot guarantee a place for you.

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Intensive pre-session class

„Studying in Marburg”

Changed to 7th -29th March 2012



Altogether 16 morning sessions
from 9a.m. till 1 p.m.
+ afternoon activities

Language Level

Our placement tests are the basis for placing students in groups best suited to their level of German: a first assessment is done through an e-mail questionnaire plus online test. The final placement is done with the help of a written test in Marburg on 2nd March. The groups usually range from A1 to B2 level (according to the European Reference Frame) and have about 16 participants.



Contents

The central topics covered (on different levels) in all classes are:

- The university town of Marburg and its surroundings
- Current life in Germany (politics, cultural events, customs and traditions, new developments)
- Studying at Philipps University (specific vocabulary needed to take part in academic life, prospectuses of the different departments, library tours, information on advising/ counselling services and on student organisations, generally useful tips to make life easier)

There will also be a day-excursion (e.g. to the Spa town of Wiesbaden which is also the seat of the parliament of Hesse) plus some shorter local trips.



Learning Goals

All classes follow an integrative approach, embedding the language work in the work on the topics described above and combining the training of the four skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) in a variety of activities.

The overall goal is to enable students to ‘function’ in a wide range of situations inside and outside the university. You will therefore have plenty of opportunities to practise your spoken German. Depending on your language level, this can range from ‘survival situations’ (asking someone to repeat part of his speech/ to speak slower, paraphrasing unknown words etc.) to ‘mastery’ (giving presentations, seeking advice from professors etc.). Writing tasks will be similarly diverse.

Grammar

Depending on the individual language level and learning needs, the students’ knowledge of grammar will be expanded and/ or deepened. However, the classes are not centred around grammar drills! The goal is to enable you to **apply your knowledge about the language** in more or less spontaneous speech and in writing. Regular feedback from your teachers will help you to focus on those aspects you may have to revise and to assess your own progress.



Individual Study

The **multi-media self-access centre** (Selbstlernzentrum) of the Sprachenzentrum will be at the disposal of all participants throughout the entire course. Here you can browse through journals or - with the help of a supervisor – work with a selection of multi-media language learning software and internet resources for learning German as a foreign language. If possible, we will also find you a **tandem-partner** who is learning your native language as a foreign language, so that you can help each other.

Credits

The successful completion of the preparation class is awarded with a detailed course certificate and **6 ECTS-credits**. The conditions are regular attendance, an active part in class work, handing in weekly assignments and passing a final test.



Course fees

The total fee for tuition, class materials, and excursion amounts to 250€.

- Exchange students from LLP/ Erasmus are paying the sum of 100 € as their own contribution to the overall course fees. The remaining fee will be covered out of the Erasmus fund.
- Students who are not coming to Marburg through LLP/Erasmus (*free movers*) are paying the entire course fee out of their own pocket.
- A few Students from a very small number of partner universities in Japan and USA that have a special arrangement with Philipps-University will pay no fee.

NEW: You will pay the course fees after your arrival in Marburg in the course of your orientation programme. Your tutors will help you with this.