



Pre-sessional German intensive courses

7th to 31st March 2023



3 teaching hours daily
usually between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
but also possible between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.
+ assignments on our internet platform



In your application for your semester at Philipps-Universität you have expressed an interest in the intensive pre-sessional German classes. Overleaf, you will find further information about these courses.

For your registration, we will send you an e-mail with a **questionnaire plus online placement test** on 23 January 2023. Please return this questionnaire in due time – otherwise we cannot guarantee a place for you!

A1 classes will not be offered in this session, but only in the summer semester 2023. Therefore, there is no need to do the questionnaire + online-test, if you have no previous knowledge in German. Registrations for the intensive courses can only be accepted for students with a level in German between A2 and B2.

Final **course numbers for your learning agreement** can only be given once that you have been assigned to a particular class. The provisional number for the programme is 99090 70451, the last digit will then be changed according to your particular class.

The **course fee** is to be paid until the start of the course by bank transfer. More information will follow with the results of the placement tests.

The classes are planned as **face-to-face classes**, but could be switched to online classes (with video conferences) in case that this should prove necessary because of Covid. This would have no effect on the learning goals, the credits awarded, or on the course fees.

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Language Level + group size

Our online placement tests are the basis for placing students in groups best suited to their level of German. What counts here is not merely your comprehension skills but your active command of German.

Generally, groups will have between **6** and **14 participants** and will range from **A2 to B2/C1** level according to the European Reference Frame. (A1 classes in a face-to-face format will be offered in the summer semester.)

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 and current affairs, cultural events, customs and traditions)
- ▶ Studying at Philipps University (specific vocabulary needed to take part in academic life, prospectuses of different departments, library tours, information on advising/ counselling services and on student organisations, generally useful tips to make your student life easier)

Learning Goals

All classes follow an integrative approach, embedding the learning tasks in 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 master a wide range of situations inside and outside the university. No matter whether the classes will be held face-to-face or online, you will therefore have plenty of opportunities to practise your spoken German. Depending on your language level, this can range from ‘survival situations’ (asking for directions; asking someone to speak slower or paraphrase unknown words etc.) to ‘mastery’ (giving presentations, seeking advice from professors etc.). Writing tasks will be similarly diverse.

If you’ve had little practice with speaking German, this focus on interaction may make it necessary to place you in a slightly lower level than you may anticipate so that you can concentrate on improving your ability to understand and produce spoken German spontaneously.

Credits (ECTS)

The successful completion of the preparation class is awarded with a detailed course certificate and **6 ECTS-credits**. The **conditions** are regular attendance (9 hours absence is maximum), an active part in class work, out of class online study of about 1 hour per day, handing in written assignments and on a project with a presentation of its results.

Grammar

Depending on the individual language level and learning needs, the students’ knowledge of grammar will be deepened and expanded. 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

Our **multi-media Self-Study Center** (*Selbstlernzentrum*) will be at the disposal of all participants throughout the entire course. Here you can browse through journals or - with the help of our student assistants – 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.

Course fees

The total fee for tuition and class materials amounts to 250€ and is to be paid by bank transfer until the beginning of the course .

- ▶ Exchange students from the LLP/ Erasmus programme (including the Erasmus partner countries) will pay the sum of 125 € as their own contribution. The remaining fee will be covered out of the Erasmus fund.
- ▶ All other students will pay the entire course fee out of their own pocket.
- ▶ Only exception: A few Students from a very small number of partner universities in the US that have a special arrangement with Philipps-University.