

Learning German in Heidelberg



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Heidelberg

Heidelberg is one of the most beautiful and highly frequented tourist destinations in Germany and Europe. It draws its appeal from a unique blend of the past and present, and successfully combines tradition with the modern age.

The annual three million visitors from around the world lend this vibrant city on the Neckar River a cosmopolitan, colourful and pulsating flair.

Due to its location, Heidelberg is a city of unparalleled beauty. A view of the Old Bridge leading up to the castle warms the spectator's heart with a hint of romance. The castle ruins are an example of the chequered history of the region, its rulers, and the Palatine people. A stroll along the Philosophenweg (Philosopher's Walk) reminds one why philosophers and poets of old enjoyed walking along this path when looking for inspiration.

In his paper entitled "The Heidelberg Spirit," the famous Heidelberg philosopher Karl Jaspers uses artistic metaphors to describe the uniqueness and enchantment of this city. He calls to mind images of "waves of gently sloping mountains, the river forging its way toward the distant ocean, the sea-like plain, coming to life through the movement of clouds and their shadows, lighting and colours" which combine to form a panorama of perfected nature alongside the picturesque castle ruins and the Old Bridge.



For centuries Heidelberg captivated poets, philosophers and scientists from different disciplines. Early in the 19th Century, poets Achim von Arnim, Clemens Brentano, and Joseph von Eichendorff amused themselves at the Neckar beach and established Heidelberg's reputation as the epitome of German Romanticism. Possibly the most beautiful poetic declaration of fondness for the city was written by Friedrich Hölderlin in his poem "Heidelberg." Half a century later, his contemporary Viktor von Scheffel expresses his admiration in these beautiful verses, "Old Heidelberg, you city fine, rich in glory on the Neckar and Rhine, no other can take your place," as translated from the poem "Old Heidelberg."



t he irresistible charm of Heidelberg radiates a unique and magical aura, captured by Michael Buselmeier in his essay "The Legend of Heidelberg" ("Mythos Heidelberg"). One English interpretation states that "landscape, architecture and the conjoining of poetry and the humanities, whilst forming the foundation for the allure of Heidelberg, do not suffice to explain it, for it cannot be broken down into commercial terms or reduced to mere wares, and it is also not an invention of the tourism industry."

In sharp contrast to the romantic and endearing appeal of this city is its internationally renowned centre of modern science. The Ruberto-Carola-University holds a top ranking globally among institutions of higher education and boasts international flair by catering to a student population made up of twenty percent foreigners. Additional institutes such as the Academy of Sciences, the German Cancer Research Centre and five Max Planck Institutes, also contribute to the worldwide reputation of this acclaimed international hub of scientific disciplines.

The cultural city of Heidelberg offers its residents and visitors a broad and diverse spectrum of services and entertainment for all occasions. These include the Heidelberg Literature Festival, the International Film Festival, and the Heidelberg Jazz Festival, to name just a few.

» The Heidelberg of today blends historic charm and tradition with a contemporary lifestyle. The city centre is home to many cafes, pubs, restaurants, boutiques, and antique shops, which lend their individual personalities to the special ambience found in Old Town. Typical student bars are still found in this old part of the city and in the Handschuhsheim district. A well-planned transportation system connects Heidelberg with the neighbouring cities of Mannheim, Ludwigshafen, Weinstadt and Speyer, as well as with the Frankfurt Airport and the rest of the world. Hotels and hostels enjoy pampering their guests and genuinely reflect Heidelberg's intention to always receive visitors with a warm welcome.

Learn German with the Experts!



We are members of the International House World Organisation (IHWO), a network of approximately 150 language schools in 50 countries worldwide. Our common goal is providing high-quality and innovative language training.

IHWO was founded in 1953 and thus possesses extensive experience in teaching modern languages.

As a member of the IH global network, we offer courses of a high quality standard. Our language teachers participate regularly in training programmes, and courses are subject to inspection by IHWO representatives.



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Our Language School in Heidelberg
Since 1958 International House Heidelberg – Collegium Palatinum has been providing high-quality language courses year-round.

We offer standard language courses as well as business language courses, both in areas of specialty or career-specific. Regardless of whether you want to join one of our international study groups or book private lessons, you will learn how to speak thoroughly and effectively.

We strictly follow the "Common European Framework of Reference for Language Learning and Teaching." In addition, we are an officially certified testing centre for telc Language Tests and TestDaF.



Collegium Palatinum

Studying and Living in a Beautiful Setting

The ih Heidelberg - Collegium Palatinum is located in the noble "Villa Krehl" in Heidelberg's most beautiful residential area between Neuenheim and Handschuhsheim. The historic building with its spacious garden provides students with the perfect environment to live and learn. The classrooms and offices impress with their modern equipment and facilities. The picturesque garden allows for a variety of recreational activities for the students, such as barbecuing, playing a game of ball, or simply relaxing.

The language school shares the building with the European Study Centre of the University of the Incarnate Word (ESC UIW), whose students spend a semester abroad in Germany. Language students of the ih Heidelberg - Collegium Palatinum have the opportunity to attend one of the courses at ESC UIW.

Proximity to City Centre

Heidelberg's historic centre can be reached in just a few minutes by tram or in twenty minutes by foot.



The school offers an exceptional atmosphere and modern facilities

- > Well-equipped classrooms
- > Computer lab
- > Library
- > Wi-Fi throughout the building
- > Spacious garden and terraces
- > TV room



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Our Methodology

Learning a Language with Enthusiasm

Our teaching is based on the "Communicative Approach." This methodology aims to improve your communication skills and build your confidence in speaking. We focus on correct expression and fluency in conversation while also training your writing, reading and listening skills.

Through exercises in role-playing and dialogue we provide many opportunities to use the language in class. We choose topics relevant to everyday life and specifically related to the region, allowing you to actively apply your knowledge and to ensure that you will also have fun while learning.

Methodology

- › Small class size
- › Interactive teaching in twos, in groups, and in group discussions
- › Practise role playing and dialogue using everyday situations
- › Utilise current and authentic teaching materials
- › Train intercultural competence
- › Promote independent learning



d **edicated teachers**
Our expert team consists of qualified teachers with experience in instruction of multicultural classes. We are able to ensure our high standard of quality through continuous training of our teachers and regular inspections by the International House World Organisation.





German Courses

Language training with over 55 years experience

Our programme is flexible and ideally meets students' various needs, due to our diverse course offering.

In addition to interactive group lessons, we also provide individual private lessons or a combination course, which incorporates both training in the classroom as well as private lessons.

As a certified examination centre, we conduct preparatory courses for telc Language Tests and for the TestDaF. The examinations are held regularly in our facilities.

Our courses "German for Business" are designed for people who want to work in Germany or need German for business communication.

General German Courses

German Standard Course 20

In this general language course, all aspects of learning German successfully are taught, and the four essential skills - speaking, listening, writing, and reading - are trained. In addition, the course promotes individual learning through project work and extra-curricular activities.

German Intensive Course 25

Unlike the Standard Course 20, the Intensive Course includes an additional lesson in which participants repeat, practically apply and intensify what they have previously learned. This is typically achieved through dialogue models, discussion groups, role-playing, or educational games.

German Combination Course 20 Plus 5

This intensive German course is ideal for students who want to benefit from both the interactive group lessons in the morning and individual private lessons.

German Intensive Course Plus 30

This intensive course is ideal for students who want to learn as much German as possible in a short time. In addition to the morning lessons, students interact in small groups in the afternoon, which allows them to express their own personal learning needs and to work on improving specific skills.

Private Lessons

Private lessons are the most flexible and most intensive course option we provide for either professional or private purposes. It is recommended for all who want to make fast progress in achieving their personal learning goal. The length of the course can be adapted to the student's personal needs.

German Online

We offer online language courses at all levels. (page 12)

Detailed course information is available on our website.

Our German lessons are based on the levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment (CEFR) (A1-C1) and add supplementary exercises to give participants more opportunity to apply and put into practice what they have learned.

Private lessons can be booked in the afternoon in addition to these courses.

Course fees include

- › Written placement test prior to the course
- › Personal assessment interview
- › Determination of the course objectives, examination advising, student consultation
- › Independent learning outside the classroom
- › Tests to determine student's progress
- › Certificate of participation
- › Cultural and recreational programme (excluding travel expenses and entrance fees)
- › Wi-Fi
- › Use of computerroom

With less than 3 participants in class the amount of hours will be reduced according to our terms and conditions. Maximum number of participants per class is 12. During summer we reserve the right to raise the maximum number to 13 students per class. Prices for textbooks are not included and vary, depending on course level and length. Current prices (2014) are between € 22 and € 35. The minimum age of participants is 17 years.



Specialized German Courses

Private Lessons: German for Business

This individualized course is adapted to the personal language requirements and scheduling needs of the student. Areas of specialty: business German, technology, tourism, media, arts and culture, medicine, scientific terminology.

- › Learn relevant terminology
- › Pronunciation training
- › Work with topically relevant materials
- › Learn various expression techniques
- › Cross-cultural training

Group Lessons:

Preparation courses for the telc certificates:

- › **telc German B1 Plus for Professionals**
- › **telc German B2 Plus for Professionals**
- › **telc German B1/B2 for Health Care Professionals**
- › **telc German B2/C1 for Doctors**

Online German Courses

Participants can improve their German with online courses, independent of time and location constraints. In addition to language skills, information about the country and culture are also taught. The online courses are offered at the following levels:

- › **Elementary:** German courses for beginners and those who want to refresh their knowledge
- › **Intermediate:** Preparation for university studies: Language courses, skills training, TestDaF-preparation
Professional German: Profi-German for a successful start in your career
- › **Advanced:** technical jargon and specialised knowledge of occupations and fields of study in the areas: business, law, medicine, engineering, biology, psycholinguistics and cultural studies

The online courses are offered solely as self-learning modules or with tutor support.



Corporate Courses

These courses are designed as one-to-one or small group instruction and are held on-site at the company or at our school:

- › By appointment only
- › Placement test
- › Needs analysis and definition of course objectives
- › Educational materials based on training concept
- › Progress report



Private Lessons

Individual lessons are especially suited for people wanting to quickly reach their personal goal. This course is offered at all language levels.

Group Lessons

The courses are held in small groups and are based on the specific needs of your business, such as refresher, language enhancement, development of professionally related content, basic skills for everyday communication, and confidence in dealing with customers. Participants will also become familiarised with specialised topics related to your industry to increase their confidence in conversation.

Testing and Preparatory Courses

Tests

telc Language Tests and TestDaF exams are conducted regularly on our premises. We also offer appropriate preparatory courses for all tests. Please visit our website for test dates and start dates for the preparatory courses.

telc Language Tests

The telc exams are organised throughout Europe in accordance with uniform rules for implementation, and results are recorded centrally. The telc European Language Certificates are known worldwide and are considered by employers in the private and public sector as proof of language proficiency at different levels:

- › **telc German A2 / B1 / B2 / C1**
- › **telc German B1 Plus for Professionals**
- › **telc German B2 Plus for Professionals**
- › **telc German B1/B2 for Health Care Professionals**
- › **telc German B2/C1 for Doctors**
- › **telc German C1 University**

telc Preparatory Courses

The four week German telc Exam Training Courses prepare students systematically for the test in continuous, progressive learning steps.

In the morning, students take part in the regular language classes. In the afternoon sessions, students are given special exam training in which they practise in authentic exam situations and receive individual attention to assist in their preparation.



TestDaF

TestDaF is a language test for those who:

- › want to study in Germany.
- › already have a good or advanced command of German.
- › require proof of their German language skills for scientific projects and academic professions.
- › desire to document their progress in German after a semester abroad in Germany.
- › apply for a study scholarship or research grant.

TestDaF is recognised by all universities and colleges in Germany.

TestDaF Preparatory Course

This target-oriented language training prepares students thoroughly for the exam.

Our teachers are qualified and experienced in TestDaF. They will familiarise you with the test format and practise all sections of the examination, such as reading, writing, listening and speaking, as well as technical execution of the oral exam. This preparatory course is only for students who have already reached the skill level B2 or C1.

We also offer an online TestDaF preparation course.



Cultural and Leisure Activities

A variety of cultural and recreational activities are an ideal complement to the language courses. Students can practise and reinforce their new language skills as they get to know the local residents and the area. The programme offers guided tours of Heidelberg, excursions to nearby towns, outings to museums, concerts and theatres, wine tastings, visits to various corporations, and diverse sports activities. Sports enthusiasts also have the opportunity to participate in various athletics at the University of Heidelberg.



Accommodations

Self-service in the student apartments

The state-of-the-art student residence is located in Heidelberg's newest, trendy Bahnstadt-quarter. The modern apartments (about 21m²) are fully furnished with a built-in kitchen and bathroom.

There are several public areas within the complex, including rooms for socializing, studying with friends, cooking and relaxing. There is a TV-lounge, a modern fitness room, a spacious, shared kitchen, and washing machines and dryers available in the laundry centre. High-speed internet and cable TV are also included.

- › Bus stop is located about 200 m from the building
- › Main train station and tram only a 10-minute walk away
- › Short distance from the city
- › 20 minutes to the language school by tram

Living with a host family with breakfast or half-board

You can participate in daily life with one of our carefully selected host families and at the same time apply and train your language skills. All families are easily accessible by foot or public transportation (within max. 40 minutes of the school). You can book accommodations with breakfast or half-board.

Sharing a flat

Some language students choose to live together and share an apartment or house with other students from Heidelberg.



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