

Learning German in Heidelberg

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Valentina wants to study in Germany
Mesmere is learning German for Business
Cristina would like to live in Germany
Greta enjoys learning languages



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**Collegium Palatinum
Heidelberg**

The International House World Organisation is committed to excellence in language teaching and teacher training.

This network of language schools is truly global, with 160 private and independently owned schools spanning 52 countries; each has its own unique flavour, but all are inspired by one common aim: the very highest standards in language education.

As an affiliate of IHWO, Collegium Palatinum provides quality language courses. Teachers participate regularly in training programmes and are experienced in teaching multicultural classes.



International Association
of Language Centres

Collegium Palatinum is member of IALC, the International Association of Language Centres. IALC is a global network of accredited independent language schools teaching the official language of their country.

All IALC schools provide effective language training for people interested in learning and experiencing a foreign language in its cultural context. Member schools are quality assured and boutique; providing professionalism, personal attention and an exceptional learning experience.

Editorial

Since 1958 Collegium Palatinum – ih Heidelberg has been providing quality language courses year-round.

The school offers standard language courses, business language courses, and academic preparation programmes. Regardless of whether students want to join one of our international study groups or book private lessons, they will learn how to speak thoroughly and effectively. Collegium Palatinum is a certified testing centre for telc Language Tests and the TestDaF.

A variety of cultural and recreational activities are an ideal complement to the language courses, and accommodation is available in host-families or modern student apartments.



Ute Gleich, Director
Collegium Palatinum – ih Heidelberg

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Heidelberg

Heidelberg is one of the most beautiful and popular 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.



Learning German experience Heidelberg

Liana from Italy

"I am studying German in Heidelberg because it is a beautiful place and I want to study here in the future."



The Heidelberg of today blends historic charm and tradition with a contemporary lifestyle.

The city centre is home to many cafés, student bars, restaurants, boutiques, and antique shops, which lend their individual personalities to the special ambience found in Old Town.

A well-planned transportation system connects Heidelberg with the neighbouring cities of Mannheim, Ludwigshafen, Weinstadt and Speyer, as well as with the Frankfurt Airport.

Hotels and hostels enjoy pampering their guests and genuinely reflect Heidelberg's intention to always receive visitors with a warm welcome.



Proximity to City Centre

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



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Collegium Palatinum

Studying and Living in a Beautiful Setting

The Collegium Palatinum – ih Heidelberg is located in the historic “Villa Krehl” in Heidelberg’s most beautiful residential area between Neuenheim and Handschuhshheim. The 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, such as barbecuing, playing a game of ball, or simply relaxing.



European Study Center

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



Learning German meet friends

Rachel from England

“I am studying German in Collegium Palatinum, because Heidelberg is a beautiful city and this is a wonderful school. I hope I can return here soon.”



Exceptional atmosphere and modern facilities

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

Methodology



Learning a Language With Enthusiasm

Our teaching is based on the “Communicative Approach”. This methodology aims to improve the communication skills and builds confidence in speaking. We focus on correct expression and fluency in conversation while also training the students' 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 participants to actively apply their knowledge and to ensure that they will also have fun while learning.





Learning German with fun and success

Samuel from England

"I decided to do another one this year because the courses and teachers are excellent."



- Small class size
- Interactive teaching in pairs, in groups, and in discussions
- Practise role playing and dialogue using everyday situations

- Current and authentic teaching materials
- Train intercultural competence
- Promote independent learning

Dedicated 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 IHWÖ und IALC.



German Courses

Customised language training since 1958

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

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.

Students who have German language knowledge **can start every Monday**. Absolute beginners should see our start dates.

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

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Levels

Our German lessons are based on the levels of the **Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment (CEFR)** (A1-C1).

A1

What can you do at level A1?

You can speak very simply about yourself and familiar activities such as shopping and eating as well as be able to describe where you live. You can apply basic grammatical constructions.

--- after 2 months ---

of intensive language training
200 teaching units

A2

What can you do at level A2?

You can communicate in a simple manner about everyday situations. You can correctly apply simple grammar to hold short conversations about familiar topics.

--- after 2 months ---

200 teaching units

B1

What can you do at level B1?

You can express yourself in coherent sentences in familiar situations while travelling and about your own fields of interest. You can describe objectives, experiences, and give reasons for opinions. You can use the most important grammatical structures correctly.

The **B1-certificate** proves sufficient German language skills for German citizenship application.

--- after 2 months ---

200 teaching units

B2

What can you do at level B2?

You can communicate at an advanced level: you speak clearly and fluently and are able to discuss and negotiate successfully. You have a large command of the vocabulary needed for general topics and your field of specialisation. Your usage of grammar is sound.

--- after 2 months ---

300 – 400 teaching units

C1

What can you do at level C1?

You can express yourself spontaneously and fluently as well as be able to comprehend challenging texts. You can apply idioms to the correct linguistic style. You speak correctly with proper grammar.

--- individually ---

C2

What can you do at level C2?

You speak like a native speaker. You understand everything you read and hear without any difficulty. You can spontaneously and fluently express yourself and can connect detailed information together. You hardly make any mistakes at this level.



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.

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, and 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.





Specialised German Courses

Private Lessons: German for Business

This individualised 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

Group Lessons

Preparation courses for the telc certificates:

telc German B1 – B2 Health Care Professionals

telcGerman B2 – C1 for Doctors

German Online

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 with previous knowledge, A2

Intermediate: Preparation for university studies: language courses, skills training, TestDaF-preparation business 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. ECTS: In selective courses it is possible to earn credits through the European Credit Transfer System.



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

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.

Private Lessons

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

Dates and prices
for courses and
exams are available
on our website:
[german-courses-
heidelberg.com](http://german-courses-heidelberg.com).



Testing and Preparatory Courses

telc Language Tests

The telc exams are uniformly organised according to rules set for implementation with all results recorded centrally. telc certificates are recognised worldwide as proof of language proficiency:

telc German A2 / B1 / B2 / C1

telc German B1 – B2 for Health Care Professionals

telc German B2 – C1 for Doctors

telc German C1 University

(recognised by all universities and colleges in Germany)

telc Preparatory Courses

Students are prepared through an intensive four week exam training course. Mornings consist of standard language classes with the afternoons spent practising authentic exam situations where students receive individual attention to assist in their preparation.



Learning Languages planning the future

Yulia, teacher

"I recommend that our students take the exam; it is always better to have a certificate in hand."



TestDaF

The TestDaF is a language exam for those who want to study in Germany, or require proof of their German language skills for scientific projects and academic professions.

The TestDaF is recognised by all universities and colleges in Germany.

TestDaF Preparatory Course

This target-oriented language training prepares students thoroughly for the exam. Courses will familiarise participants with the test format and all sections of the exam. Pre-requisite: level B2 or C1. We also offer an online TestDaF preparation course.



Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache

Academic Preparation Programme for Studies in Germany

The academic prep programme is directed at students who plan to study in Germany.

The programme includes the following modules:

- German language courses from the B1 level through C1
- Online course for university studies either at the B1 or B2 level (ECTS-credits*)
- Prep course for the TestDaF or the telc C1 Hochschule exam
- Study consulting services, including: check of academic documents / profile analysis / Individual university and course selection counselling / 4 applications to German universities

*ECTS: it is possible to earn credits through the European Credit Transfer System



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



Minimum number of participants per class is three. With less than three students the amount of lessons will be reduced as follows: With 2 participants 50 % of booked lessons; with 1 participant: 30 % of booked lessons on one-to-one basis.

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 (2016) are between € 25 and € 35.

The minimum age of participants is 17 years.

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.



**Learning
German
culture
discover**

Pola from Chile

"I am learning German because I want to get to know the language and culture."





Campus Viva, common room



Campus Viva, fitness room



Campus Viva, rooftop



Campus Viva, patio

Accommodation

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.

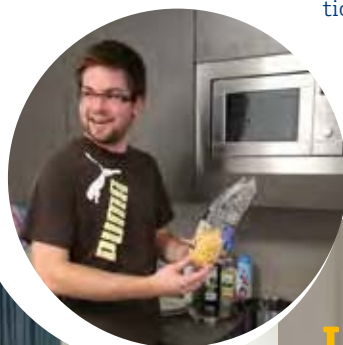
There are several public areas within the complex, including rooms for socializing, studying with friends, cooking and relaxing.

- TV-lounge
- Fitness room
- Basketball court on the rooftop
- Shared kitchen
- Study room
- Laundromat
- WiFi
- Efficient transportation system
- Short distance to the city
- 20 minutes to the language school



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.



Campus Viva, apartment

Learning German and feeling good

Cristina from Brazil

"I have met many students from all over the world. The accommodation is wonderful!"

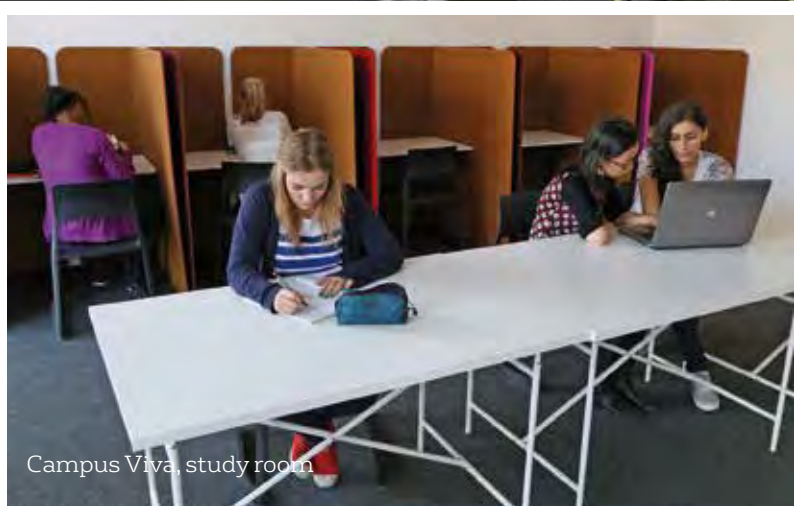




Campus Viva, shared kitchen



Campus Viva, TV-lounge



Campus Viva, study room



Campus Viva, common room



Learning German planning the future

Jésus from Venezuela

"Collegium Palatinum was an easy decision because it is the best language school in Heidelberg."



Learning German experience Heidelberg

Kylie from USA

"I study at the Collegium Palatinum because Heidelberg is a beautiful city."



Learning German enhance your career prospects

Juan from China

"I am learning German for communication at work."



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