

Our School

Founded in Frankfurt in 1981, the "zentrum für deutsche sprache und kultur" offers effective German language instruction and helps to learn about different cultures. The school receives students from all over the world.

The "zentrum" is unique in its friendly and welcoming atmosphere; its curriculum is entertaining and its results are excellent.

The "zentrum für deutsche sprache und kultur" is located in a quiet and central but urban part of Frankfurt. Nice cafés, restaurants and shops are located around the school. Means of public transport will take you to the city centre in a few minutes.

The "zentrum" cooperates with language schools throughout Germany and abroad, offering full year programmes at reasonable tuition fees. Our programmes are officially recognized and certified.



Timetable 2008

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| Term no. 1 | Jan.7 - Feb.1, 08 | Term no. 7 | July 7 - Aug.1, 08 |
| Term no. 2 | Feb.4 - Feb.29, 08 | Term no. 8 | Aug.4 - Aug.29, 08 |
| Term no. 3 | Mar.3 - Apr.4, 08 | Term no. 9 | Sep.1 - Sep.26, 08 |
| Term no. 4 | Apr.7 - May 2, 08 | Term no.10 | Sep.29 - Oct.24, 08 |
| Term no. 5 | May 5 - June 6, 08 | Term no. 11 | Oct.27 - Nov.21, 08 |
| Term no. 6 | June 9 - July 4, 08 | Term no. 12 | Nov.24 - Dec.19, 08 |

Term no. 3 will last 5 weeks, no lessons on March 20, 21, 24, 25, 26

Term no.4 no lessons on May 1

Term no. 5 will last 5 weeks, no lessons on May 12, 13, 14, 22, 23

Term no.10 no lessons on October 3

In certain cases we will accept participants for periods of 2 or 3 weeks.

The fees applicable in those cases are 80 % of regular fees for 3 weeks, 60 % for 2 weeks.

There are intensive programmes for all instruction levels, beginners' courses start each month. Starting to learn a new language may be difficult. With a step by step schedule, the "zentrum" places students in various level groups where language skills are acquired.

Our instruction is based on building vocabulary and grammar skills by means of working out practical situations of everyday life and topics of common interest. In class, we use textbooks as well as audiovisual devices.

Compact Courses

(16 units per week)

The courses (normally in the afternoon) take place in groups of 10 to 16 students. We offer all levels: from beginners' to advanced. Compact Courses are designed for students who wish to study the German language on a regular basis in the course of several months. Our classes will develop your linguistic comprehension in terms of reading and listening, you will train your communicational abilities, as well as phonetics and your grammar skills. You can combine Compact Courses with an additional programme. Every Wednesday there are cultural activities and linguistic training programmes. Cultural activities programmes are free (except for tickets, fare, admission to museums, etc.)

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| Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | 13h30 - 17h00 | <i>(4x45 minutes)</i> | |
| Course fee* | 4 weeks: 240 € | 8 weeks: 440 € | 12 weeks:** 610 € |

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| if you wish to attend classes in July and/or August: | | | |
| Course fee* | 4 weeks: 290 € | 8 weeks: 490 € | 12 weeks:** 660 € |

Compact Plus

(20 units per week)

Classes are from Monday to Friday. We offer all levels: from beginners' to advanced. These courses will systematically develop your linguistic comprehension in terms of reading and listening and will train your speaking and writing skills. Compact Plus courses prepare you for exams such as "Zertifikat Deutsch" or "Mittelstufendiplom". These courses are designed for students who wish to study more intensively and/or aim for entering a German university.

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| Monday to Friday | 9h00 - 12h30 | <i>(4x45 minutes)</i> | |
| Course fee* | 4 weeks: 310 € | 8 weeks: 590 € | 12 weeks:** 840 € |

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| if you wish to attend classes in July and/or August: | | | |
| Course fee* | 4 weeks: 360 € | 8 weeks: 640 € | 12 weeks:** 890 € |

Combined-Plus Courses

(36 units per week)

In case you intend to learn German more intensively, we recommend to combine a Compact Plus and a Compact Courses: you may attend morning and afternoon classes of different levels. (However, this option is not possible for complete beginners.)

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| Morning: | Monday to Friday | | |
| Afternoon: | Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | | |
| 9h00 - 12h30 | and | 13h30 - 17h00 | (8x45 minutes) |
| Course fee* | 4 weeks: 520 € | 8 weeks: 1.000 € | 12 weeks:** 1.420 € |
| if you wish to attend classes in July and/or August: | | | |
| Course fee* | 4 weeks: 570 € | 8 weeks: 1.050 € | 12 weeks:** 1.470 € |

Summer Programme

In July and August we offer an interesting programme in addition to the Compact or Combined Courses, including cultural and leisure activities (e.g. sightseeing in Frankfurt, visiting various institutions, seminars and excursions 1-2 times a week). Depending on the the interests of participants, we can arrange weekend trips, for instance to Heidelberg or Cologne (tickets, fare and admission to museums are not included in the fees that follow).

Course fee* 4 weeks Compact course: 290 € / Compact Plus: 360 € / Combined-Plus Course: 570 €

* Registration fees are included in all the quotations of prices given.
The quotations do not comprise books.
Mainly we use "Delfin" 1+2+3 and "em" Hauptkurs + Abschlusskurs
Books are about 17 € und 30 €

** If you wish to stay for longer than 12 weeks, you may extend your registration in Frankfurt.

Levels and Exams

All German language classes take place in the rooms of our school, "zentrum für deutsche sprache und kultur e.V.". The levels meet the Common European Framework of Reference (CEF) given by the European Council. A placement test will help you to find appropriate level classes. We can provide you with a certification of your attendance to classes.

Finishing levels A1, A2 and B1 will enable you to pass the ground level exam, "Zertifikat Deutsch". The ground level is followed by levels B2 (intermediate level 1) and C1 (intermediate level 2/advanced level) which will enable you for an intermediate level exam "Mittelstufenprüfung". Final level C2 is for advanced and high level students. "zentrum" doesn't offer classes for interpreters.

At the end of level B1 you will usually pass an exam, providing you with the Certification of German "Zertifikat Deutsch des zentrums", at the end of level C1- you will be able to pass the Intermediate Level Exam "Diplom des zentrums" skills of level C1+ will enable you to pass the TestDaF, an exam that will allow you to enter university "Deutschprüfung für den Hochschulzugang".

TestDaF is under licence of the TestDaF-Institute.

Exam dates 2008 for TestDaF: Feb.13, Apr.22, June19, July22, Sep.23, Nov.13

Exam fees for "Zertifikat Deutsch des zentrums" or "Diplom des zentrums": 100 €

TestDaF: 150 €

Visa

In case you have to apply for visa, you should contact the German Embassy or a German Consulate. There you will be informed about the requirements you have to meet. In some countries you will be requested to prove that you have knowledge of German already. Besides that it is requested that you pay your language course(s) in advance. If a visa is granted, you will have to attend classes regularly. Please note that you have to sign up for 20 hours per week at least. If you sign up for one of our Compact Courses, you have to enrol additionally for the cultural activities programme (on Wednesdays). The fee for the programme is 80 € (for a 3 months period). Tickets, fees for museums, etc. are not included.

In case a visa will not be granted, please send us a copy of the negative reply given by the Embassy. In this case we will refund the paid course fees minus 30 €. Once a visa was granted it is not possible to cancel the course or claim any fees back.

Accommodation

If requested, we will be able to provide private accommodation for you. Some hosts live near our school. Families mostly live in "green" boroughs, downtown or near the university you will find mainly singles, or people who share an apartment. Some hosts also provide breakfast or half-board. Rooms will usually be reserved on Sunday before the language courses start. Hosts also provide bedclothes and towels. The comfort of the rooms will vary.

Conditions

Private accommodation of course is not the same as living in a hotel. You will have to take care of your room by yourself. On the first days of your stay you should discuss the terms with your hosts, i.e. talk about using the kitchen, the household, telephone, and about mealtimes if you have breakfast and half-board.

In case of causing any damage, you should talk immediately with your host about it. You are expected to compensate for any damage.

Please mind: Most hosts will request a deposit before giving you the keys. Deposits will be between 50 € to 100 €. Deposits will be refund by the end of your stay.

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| Price for rooms: | using the kitchen included | 320 € /4 weeks |
| | half-board included | 520 € /4 weeks |

Term no.3 and no.5 last 5 weeks.

Accommodation will therefore cost: 400 € and half-board included: 650 € /5 weeks

If requested, we will organize transfers from the airport "Frankfurt/Main" or main station. This service will cost 50 €

There will be no refunding of fees if rooms will be cancelled after courses started. If you wish cancellation of a booked accommodation, you have to inform us at least 2 weeks before your course will start.

Conditions of enrolment

1. All German language courses are designed for adults. We will accept young persons (at the age of 16) by way of exception. Students from Frankfurt (and around) will be offered special conditions when signing up in our office.
2. Please complete the application form and send it to our office (please include a photograph of your own, if possible).
3. Please wait for our confirmation. (Do not hesitate to contact us if you do not receive any feedback).
4. After receiving our confirmation you should transfer a deposit of 150 €, or, if you apply for a visa, the fees applicable to the course(s) requested. You will be registered definitely only in case your payment is transferred to our bank account..
5. In case you have to cancel a booked language course, we will refund 120 € if your cancellation reaches our office 4 weeks before the scheduled start of the booked language course(s).
6. The "zentrum für deutsche sprache und kultur" language school reserves the right to change scheduled dates if necessary.
7. Outstanding fees are payable on the first day of the the language course. We will accept cash, EC-card, PAYPAL or money transfers to our bank account. We will not accept any credit cards.
8. Students are expected to participate regularly and to cooperate in class.



A TANDEM - team

The „zentrum“ is a member of the worldwide TANDEM-Network. TANDEM is a specific method which helps students to learn a foreign language. A TANDEM-team consists of two people who meet in private on a regular basis in order to learn each other's native language. To participate, students are required to have basic skills of the language which they wish to learn.

The TANDEM network has schools in the following countries: **Germany:** Berlin, Hamburg, Bremen, Gottingen, Bielefeld, Frankfurt, Munich, Cologne, Dresden **Italy:** Venice, Florence, Rome, Napoli **Spain:** Barcelona, Madrid, Granada, San Sebastián, Cádiz, Malaga, Valencia **U.K.:** Totnes, London **Ireland:** Monkstown/Dublin **France:** Paris, Toulouse, Montpellier, Lyon **Chile:** Santiago de Chile **Canada:** Montreal, Toronto