

Levels

All our courses run on 7 levels all year round. You can start any Monday you like, if you have at least elementary knowledge of German. As a complete beginner, please note our starting dates for complete beginners.

Levels and placement

We follow the Common European Framework issued by the European Commission for language learning. The time frame given in the table below is based on 20 weekly lessons.

A 0	complete beginner	1 month	
A 1	elementary	1 month	
A 2		2 months	
B 1	intermediate	2 months	ZD certificate
B 2		2.5 months	
C 1	advanced	2.5 months	ZMP, ZOP, DSH, TestDaF
C 2		5 months	KDS, GDS

A placement test...

... on your first Monday - consisting of a written and an oral part - will make sure that you will be learning with others of a similar level. An evaluation test every Monday allows you to check on your progress. However, you can get personalised feedback from your teacher at any time.

Self assessment

To assess your level and to find out how long you may need to reach any given level please proceed as follows:

1. assess your present level of German, using the level descriptions in the table below - lets say you are on level B 1
2. define the level you ´d like to reach, for example C 1
3. add the lessons or months given in the table right below the level descriptions, starting from your present level up to the one you want - in our example you ´d need 4.5 months (with 20 lessons each week) to get there.

A 0	A 1	A 2	B 1	B 2	C 1	C 2
You don´t speak or understand German	You understand and can answer simple questions	You are able to participate in everyday conversations	You can read and write simple texts without errors.	You are able to participate in demanding discussions	You can produce essays and read newspapers and literature.	You can speak German fluently and understand even idiomatic expressions.
lessons: 40	40	100	100	100	100	100
1 month	1 month	2 months	2 months	2 months	2 months	4 months
			ZD certificate		TestDaf, DSH, ZMP, ZOP	KDS, GDS

Exams

We prepare you for all German language exams and take care of your registration. You can get ready for exams in all ADK **courses training general German**, as all exams test general German. Courses include exercises similar to those you will do while sitting an exam.

ZD – Zertifikat Deutsch

Sample ZD (in german)

- Level: B1. Documents basic knowledge of German for employers. Starting with 0 knowledge of German it usually takes 5 to 6 months with 20 lessons weekly to be able to pass this exam, less time if you take a more intensive course with 30 lessons weekly.

ZMP Zentrale Mittelstufenprüfung

Sample ZMP (in german)

- Level: B2 - C1. Proof of sound general German knowledge; accepted by some universities as minimum entry level for foreign students.
- Where you take it: we register you at the Goethe Institut München

TestDaF

Sample TestDaf

- Level: C1. TestDaf is accepted by German universities and has the same status as DSH. It has several advantages, however: unlike DSH you can try TestDaf more than once and on 4 to 5 dates every year.
- Where you take it: we register you at FH Augsburg

DSH Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang

sample as pdf - listening comprehension

sample as pdf - reading comprehension

sample as pdf - writing a short essay

sample as pdf - grammar

- Level: C1. Proof of proficiency for entering universities.
- Where you take it: at the university of your choice

ZOP Zentrale Oberstufenprüfung

Sample ZOP (in german)

- Level: C1. Proof of qualified command of German language, accepted as substitute for DSH at some universities.
- Where you take it: we register you at the Goethe Institut München

KDS Kleines Deutsches Sprachdiplom

Sample KDS (in german)

- Level: C2. Recognised language entrance exam for German universities
- Where you take it: we register you at the Goethe Institut München

GDS Grosses Deutsches Sprachdiplom

Sample GDS (in german)

- Level: C2. Accepted in some countries as qualification for teachers of German as a foreign language
- Where you take it: we register you at the Goethe Institut München