

German as a foreign language

The Volkshochschule Köln presents a wide and diversified range of opportunities if you are interested in learning German as a foreign language.

You can learn German on all levels in a systematic and goal oriented way ranging from basic to advanced skills (in basic, intermediate and diploma classes) .

We present courses of 20 lessons on four days a week but there are also courses with eight lessons on two days a week in the morning, afternoon or in the evening. Further on there are also alphabetisation courses as well as offers on special topics like grammar, phonetics and conversation.

There are still more intensive classes presented to university students at 30 lessons per week. There they can acquire all necessary German language skills for the Zentrale Mittelstufenprüfung of the Goethe Institute which is required for enrolling at the University of Cologne.

You can enter our courses five times a year in January, April, July, August and September. Summer courses last for one month. Classes starting in January, April and September take three months.

We present the following exams:

Zertifikat Deutsch (Exam dates in April, July and December),

Zentrale Mittelstufenprüfung of the Goethe Institute (Central intermediate level exam. Exam dates in April, June/July and December),

Test DaF (Exam dates in April and November)

Kleines Sprachdiplom of the Goethe Institute (Advanced language diploma (C2); exam dates in May and October)

Großes Sprachdiplom of the Goethe Institute (Higher advanced language diploma; exam dates in May and October)

The VHS does not offer preparation courses for the last two exams.

Fees:

The Volkshochschule Köln is a municipal further education institute and thus course fees are subsidised and affordable. Currently the costs for one lesson are only 2.05 €.

The total costs for an intensive language class of 10 weeks are about 400 € and for an eight-hour course they are at about 160 €.

Dimension of classes, members and teachers:

Our classes comprise 12 - 22 students of an international background.

Our teachers are very experienced and usually hold a degree in Germanistics.

Registration:

You can only register for a course in Germany.

If you want to register from abroad, you need a person in Germany who can do it on your behalf.

You can do a placement test by e-mail.

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