



ERASMUS – EXCHANGE Language Course Information

Intensive German Language Course

The International Office organizes intensive German language courses before the start of each semester. The courses usually run for 3 – 4 weeks from mid-September to mid-October and from mid-March to mid-April; classes are Mondays to Fridays. For the actual dates please refer to the Academic Calendar.

Participation in the intensive German language courses is free for ERASMUS / EXCHANGE students. But although these courses are offered twice a year, students are entitled to participate in this course only once during their study period at Ulm University. Participants are required to buy textbooks and course materials at their own expense (costs approx. € 35). Students who have no or only elementary command of German are required to participate in the intensive German language course before taking regular classes.

The first session of the course is a placement test in order to find out, in which levels the students have to be grouped. Attendance in this session is mandatory. Normally, courses on these three levels are offered:

- Absolute Beginner (I)
- Elementary German (II)
- Intermediate German (III)

Only if there is a significant number of students with very good command of German can we arrange for a course

- Advanced German (IV)

Signing up for the Intensive German Language Course

In order to sign up for the intensive German language course you only have to mark the appropriate box on your [Application Form](#). Please also indicate which level you believe you will take and list the course on your [Learning Agreement](#):

Course No.	Course Title	ECTS	NEW*
DIAS	German Intensive for ERASMUS / EXCHANGE Students	6	3

If you want us to make a reservation for a room in one of the student residence for you, be sure to include the month for the language course (i.e. September or March) in the rental period!

* After evaluating the actual workload of the German Intensive Language Course, it became necessary to reduce the number of ECTS credits to be awarded for this course. Therefore, we will offer an additional course "Living & Studying in Germany" in which students can earn another 3 ECTS credits during the orientation phase. The course will cover topics on "German Culture and Society", "Academic Traditions and Procedures" as well as "Intercultural Communication". Detailed information will follow soon.



Semester Courses

During each semester we also offer two courses for ERASMUS / EXCHANGE students, which are a continuation of the intensive German language courses. The courses meet for 2 hours each week and are worth 3 credits. The level is not fixed but will be determined based on the knowledge and needs of the students signing up for it. You list it on your Learning Agreement:


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In addition, the language center of Ulm University (ZSP – Zentrum für Sprachen und Philologie) offers many other courses in German as a foreign language (DaF – Deutsch als Fremdsprache) as well as a wide variety of courses in numerous other languages. As a rule of thumb, courses meeting for 2 hours (= 90 min / week) will count for 3 ECTS credits.

Information on courses can be found on the website of the language center:

<http://www.zsp.uni-ulm.de> → Lehre / Kurse → Deutsch als Fremdsprache (DaF)
→ Semesterprogramm

Or on the university portal

<https://portal.uni-ulm.de/portal/std/index/> → Dienste / Vorlesungsverzeichnis (left menu)
→  zum Vorlesungsverzeichnis... → Begleitstudium Sprachen

You may enter all the language courses you plan to take into your Learning Agreement. Please keep in mind that the Learning Agreement only documents the approval of your home university and Ulm University of your proposed study program. You are not automatically signed up for these courses simply because they are listed on your Learning Agreement. In addition, you must register for the language courses at the beginning of each semester. The procedure is a bit simpler for courses in German as a foreign language than for other language courses.

Signing up for the Semester Courses in German or in Other Languages

During the first week of classes, you can sign up for language course by going on to the Internet

<http://www.zsp.uni-ulm.de> → Lehre / Kurse → Semesterprogramm/Einschreibung

On this page you find a link to the course list as well as the online registration system. Only after your arrival in Ulm are you able to register yourself as a user of this system and then sign up for your courses online.