Integration Courses

If you would like to live in Germany, you should learn German and some important things about the country. You will learn all this on the integration course. The aim is that you can communicate independently without help in everyday situations.

An integration course consists of a language course and an orientation course which will take you to level B1.

- **Language Course**
  The language course consists of 600 x 45-minute-lessons and is usually split into 6 modules. (In some cases the course can be extended to 900 lessons). The language course will cover important aspects of everyday life, e.g. work and career, shopping, leisure time, health and housing. The course will finish with the examination "German Test for Immigrants“ (DTZ).

- **Orientation Course “Living in Germany”**
  After taking the German language test (DTZ) you will attend the orientation course (100 x 45-minute-lessons). It takes 60 hours to complete. In the orientation course you will discuss, for example, the German legal system, history and culture and ways of co-existing in German society. You will complete the orientation course by taking the final test "Living in Germany”.

What funding is available?
Under certain conditions BAMF can cover the costs (wholly or partially) for an integration course. Before registering for a course please seek advice on whether you are eligible for such funding. An application for funding must be submitted before a course begins. For more information see www.bamf.de/EN

Free Test and Consultation Service

You can register for a German course only after you have taken an assessment test and been advised by us.

**VHS Sonnemannstraße – Central office**
Sonnemannstraße 13, 60314 Frankfurt
Please note: you will find the consultation times at vhs.frankfurt.de

**VHS Centre West (BiKuZ)**
Michael-Stumpf-Str 2, 65929 Frankfurt/Höchst
Consultation times: Mon 13.00 – 17.00 and Wed 9.00 – 12.00
Closed during school holidays.

Please bring with you:
- ID card or passport
- Notification of unemployment benefits under SGB II or XII
- Certificate of eligibility for an integration course (Berechtigungsschein), and if applicable notification of funding
- Any German certificates you have already acquired.

German Courses

German courses for beginners to advanced level, integration courses, examinations, etc.

You already have at least B1 level in German?
Save time and take an online test in advance:
sprachtest-frankfurt.portfolio.no
Please bring the results of your online test with you to the consultation.

You already have a B2 certificate in German?
Then you can come to the VHS Sonnemannstraße on Wednesdays, 14.00 – 16.00. Please bring your B2 certificate with you.
Learn German at the Frankfurt Volkshochschule
We offer more than 800 German courses each year.

German is the common language in your class right from the start. It is very important that all participants in a course have a similar language level. Before you register for your first course we will assess your language level in a free assessment test and interview.

Our language courses, examinations and certificates are structured according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Standard Courses
Depending on your current ability in reading, listening, speaking and writing you will be recommended a course at the appropriate level.

Courses take place in the mornings, afternoons or evenings, 2 to 4 times a week.

German 1 to 6 (A1 to B1)
You will learn to communicate in important everyday situations. For beginners with no previous knowledge of German and for learners with basic or intermediate language skills.

German 7 to 12 (B1+ to C1)
You will learn to communicate in more difficult situations, for example at work or in professional training. For advanced learners with good or very good language skills.

German 13 (C1+/C2)
You will learn to express yourself spontaneously, fluently and precisely on more complex topics. You will need C2 level for example to study at a German university or to work in an academic field. To attend a course at this level you must already have very advanced language skills.

German for people with specific needs
For beginners with no previous knowledge of German and for learners with basic language skills.

• Literacy (A1 to A2)
  For those who are learning to read and write for the very first time. Here you will learn the Roman alphabet.

• German for Roman alphabet learners (A1 to A2)
  For those who can already read and write in one language, but do not yet know the Roman alphabet.

• German with a slower learning pace (A1 to B1)
  Here you will learn German in small manageable steps. You will have more time for revising and practising the language you are learning.

• German catch-up courses (A1 to B1)
  For those who have lived at least two years in Germany and who have learnt some spoken German, but cannot write it. Here you will improve your speaking skills and learn to read and write in German.

You can find more information on course dates, times and costs at vhs.frankfurt.de

Extra Courses
Our “extra courses” can be booked individually or together with a standard course. Here you will practise and improve individual language skills.

Grammar Practice (A2 to B2)
You will get intensive written and oral practice in using German grammar and spelling.

Speaking and Vocabulary Practice (A2 to B2)
You will improve your speaking skills through roleplays using everyday situations.

Writing Skills Practice (B2/C1)
You will practise expressing yourself in writing and will learn how to write letters, short presentations, job applications and other common texts.

Examination Practice and Preparation (B1 to C2)
You will learn about the relevant exam requirements and can prepare for a specific examination.

Vocational German according to §45a of the Residence Act (AufenthG)
If you have successfully completed an integration course and have reached level B1, you can now build on your everyday language skills. Here you will learn work-related or professional language. For information on the criteria for participation and funding see the website of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) www.bamf.de/EN

Examinations

telc Certificates, Goethe Certificates, German Test for Immigrants (DTZ) and TestDaF
We offer a wide range of examinations at different levels. We work in cooperation with the Hessischer Volkshochschulverband (HVV), telc GmbH, Goethe Institute and TestDaF Institute. For examination dates see vhs.frankfurt.de

Naturalisation Test
The VHS conducts the naturalisation tests on behalf of BAMF. For test dates see vhs.frankfurt.de