

German Language Proficiency from B2 onward – Course Description

Level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: **B2**

Required prior knowledge: level B1

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Communicative Situations	Vocabulary	Grammar
<p>The aim of this course is to help students accomplish the requirements of GER/Profile German for level B2 regarding verbal competence and performance.</p> <p><i>Criteria according to GER:</i> <i>Is able to understand the main points of complex texts on specific and abstract topics. Understands expert discussions in their own field of expertise. Can express themselves spontaneously and fluently so that a regular conversation with native speakers is possible without serious complications. Can talk about a broad scope of topics clearly and into detail, explicate points of view in answer to a question and indicate the pros and cons of several options.</i></p> <p>The course is organised according to the needs of the students and is based on an analysis of frequently used words and phrases in typical verbal situations in the every-day life of students and the higher education field in the German-speaking area.</p> <p>The language material of hands-on exercises is thematically and situationally focused on the students' lives.</p> <p>With the aid of numerous authentic texts and other media, the aim is to consolidate, deepen and expand the vocabulary for important thematic fields of an academic environment.</p>	<p>The selection of the imparted vocabulary is based on frequency, usefulness, relevance and the needs of the students, and takes the distinction between active and passive vocabulary into account. Techniques will be presented which allow for a deduction and permanent instalment of new vocabulary from texts.</p> <p>With the aid of diverse exercise methods which take different learning types (visual, auditory, kinaesthetic etc.) into account, students will learn to understand complicated texts better as well as to express themselves more precisely, as they have an extended vocabulary at their disposal.</p> <p>Exercise methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paraphrasing words, cartoons, riddles ▪ Picture dictionaries, crosswords, multiple choice ▪ Word hunts, clozes ▪ Organising vocabulary, e. g., themed vocabulary lists, mind maps ▪ Independent language acquisition with the aid of hybrid learning (via the language learning platform) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Word formation ▪ Transforming word forms (e. g., nominalisation) ▪ Register and German language varieties ▪ Pragmatics (e.g., politeness, gender awareness) ▪ Idioms ▪ Phonetics (intonation patterns of spoken German) <p>Verb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prefixes/suffixes and their meanings ▪ Verbs with multiple prefixes ▪ Compounds ▪ Synonyms, antonyms ▪ Onomatopoeia ▪ <i>Funktionsverbgefüge</i> <p>Nouns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prefixes/suffixes ▪ Compounds ▪ Synonyms, antonyms, homonyms ▪ Plural formation ▪ Deriving gender from suffixes <p>Adjectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prefixes/suffixes ▪ Compounds ▪ Synonyms, antonyms ▪ Deriving designations for inhabitants from country names