



University
of Exeter



Evening language programme 2025/26

Course title: German Intermediate B1.1+

Course descriptor/objectives

The aim of the course is to help the learner to become an independent user of the target language and to develop their communication skills for social and professional purposes. Therefore, by the end of the course (B1.1 and B1.2) participants will be able to:

- understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc.
- deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken.
- produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest
- describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes & ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.

Participants will further develop reading, listening, speaking and writing skills through a series of task-oriented sessions and will be provided with informal formative feedback during contact hours. The completion level of the course is broadly equivalent to the *B1.1* level of the **Common European Framework**.

In seminars, participants will have to engage in practical exercises and group interaction in order to develop relevant language-specific learning strategies. The role of the instructor is to facilitate this process, to provide useful tools and to

encourage participants to become independent learners and basic users of the languages too.

Language-specific information:

German is one of the key languages of Europe and is spoken by 134 million people in Austria, Germany, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Switzerland and in parts of Belgium, Northern Italy and Eastern France. It falls into the same West Germanic language family as English, and bears close resemblance to some features of Afrikaans and Dutch, as well as sharing vocabulary links with the North Germanic languages, such as Danish and Norwegian.

Artistically and scientifically, German has been a language of great significance throughout history, as employed by famous figures such as Goethe, Freud, Kafka, Brecht and Einstein. German is a pluricentric language, with three standardised variants: German, Austrian, and Swiss Standard High German.

Prerequisite:

This non-credit-bearing weekly course is designed for language learners who have reached an intermediate+ level, by attending our Intermediate B1.1 course last term or equivalent (completion of the coursebook *Willkommen 1*)

Coursebook and/or learning resources:

Willkommen 2: German Intermediate Course by Heiner Schenke, 2017 edition; ISBN 9781471805158.

Please do not purchase the coursebook until the course has been confirmed.