

Evening language programme 2026/27

Course title: German Post-Beginners Part II (A2.2)

Course descriptor/objectives

The aim of the course is to help the learner to develop basic speaking, writing, listening and reading skills, extend vocabulary and consolidate grammar for communication purposes. Therefore, by the end of the courses participants will be able to:

1. Understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment).
2. Can communicate in simple and routing tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familar and routine matters.
3. Can describe in simple terms aspects of their background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.

Participants will develop basic reading, listening, speaking and writing skills through a series of task-oriented sessions, and will be provided with informal formative feedback during lessons. The completion level of the course is broadly equivalent to the *A2.2* level of the **Common European Framework**.

Alongside the main course, students will also read books by André Klein, translate selected passages, and practise retelling chapters using simple grammatical structures and the vocabulary introduced in the texts.

In seminars, participants will engage in practical exercises and group interaction in order to develop relevant language learning strategies. The tutor will facilitate this process, provide useful tools and encourage participants to become independent learners and confident users of the language.

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 intended for German language learners who have previously completed a “post-beginner part I” course or equivalent (e.g. GCSE studied previously plus some further study/practice)

Coursebook and/or learning resources:

To be confirmed by the teacher