

Evening language programme 2026/27

Course title: German Upper-Intermediate Part II (B2.1)

Course descriptor/objectives

The aim of the course is to help the learner to develop German reading, listening, written and oral skills for professional and academic purposes. Therefore, by the end of the courses (B2.1 and B2.2) participants will be able to:

- Understand the main ideas of a complex text on both concrete and abstract topics.
- Present clear, detailed descriptions on a range of subjects.
- Explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.
- Interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible.
- Take an active part in discussions in familiar contexts, accounting for and sustaining personal views.

Participants will develop advanced 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 *B2.1* level of the **Common European Framework**.

Alongside the main course, students will also read B1-B2 level books, translate selected passages, and practise retelling chapters using the vocabulary and expressions introduced in the texts. In addition, they will develop their translation skills by translating chapter summaries from English into German, helping to reinforce both grammatical accuracy and active vocabulary.

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, provide useful tools and 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 intended for German language learners who have previously completed the ELP Upper Intermediate Part I course or can demonstrate equivalent proficiency, for example through A Level German and continued use or study of the language.

Coursebook and/or learning resources:

To be confirmed by the teacher.