



University
of Exeter



Evening language programme 2024/25

Course title: German Advanced (B2+) – online

Course descriptor/objectives

The aim of the course is to help the learner to further develop German language skills for professional and academic purposes with a focus on oral German. By the end of the course participants will be able to:

- express themselves more fluently and spontaneously
- contribute effectively to discussions, choosing suitable phrases from a range of discourse functions and to relate their own contributions skillfully
- read the media for information
- recognise different perspectives from their own worldview

Participants will mainly develop advanced listening, speaking and reading skills through a series of task-oriented sessions and will be provided with informal formative feedback during contact hours. Writing will be optional.

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 advanced users of the language, 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 language learners who have completed our German Upper-Intermediate course or have an A'level in German and/or spent some time in a German-speaking country.

Technical requirements:

-PC, laptop or tablet with camera and microphone

-Stable internet connection

Delivery will be via Zoom or Teams

Once the course is confirmed, your teacher will send you an invitation for the first online session. You can expect to receive this invitation one day before the first session.

**Coursebook and/or learning
resources:**

Worksheets, materials and resources are provided during the session.