



University
of Exeter



Evening language programme – STEP INTO 2023/24

Course title: Step into German – online

Dates/Times:

Thursdays, 18:30-19:30, from 2nd May (running for 10 weeks, except half term: 30th May)

Course descriptor/objectives

By the end of this 10-week course (10 hours) participants will be able to:

- introduce themselves and others.
- ask and answer questions about personal details such as where they live, people they know and things they have.
- interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

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, who is DBS-checked, 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 motivated 6th formers, i.e. post-16 students still in secondary education, who wish to explore German for the first time.

Technical requirements:

- PC, laptop or tablet with camera and microphone
- Stable internet connection

Delivery will be via Zoom or Microsoft Teams
Once the course has been confirmed your teacher will invite you to the first session by 12:00 on the day of the course

Coursebook and/or learning resources:

Will be provided by the teacher

Fee:

6th form students (post-16) only: £80

Booking via the [university's online store](#)

Attendance certificate:

Students will receive a certificate of attendance on the completion of the course, if they have had 80% or higher attendance.