

THE ZENTRUM FUER SPRACHEN (ZFS)

The ZFS offers language courses for all students, postdocs and employees at the University of Würzburg. There are courses that cover one semester and there are intensive courses in the time between terms (spring and autumn). All international guests are welcome to register for the semester classes. For foreign researchers and international employees, fees are applicable. Please note that intensive courses can only be booked by students – not by employees or PhD students who are not enrolled at our university. Exception: the A1 intensive course is also open for employees.

LANGUAGE LEVELS (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, **CEFR**)

Our courses follow the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages and are thus divided in the following consecutive levels:

(If you want to know more about the CEFR and how the levels are defined, go to www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/source/framework_en.pdf)

Basic User				Independent User				Proficient User			
Beginner		Elementary		Intermediate		Upper Intermediate		Advanced		Proficiency	
A1		A2		B1		B2		C1		C2	
A1.1	A1.2	A2.1	A2.2	B1	B1+	B2.1	B2.2	C1.1	C2.2	C2.1	C2.2

If you have no knowledge of a language you want to learn, an A1 course is right for you. If you have studied the language before, please take a placement test here at the ZFS so that we can find the right level for you.

GERMAN COURSES

- For beginners (level A1 and A2 respectively):

As an enrolled student, you can choose how much time you are able and willing to dedicate to your German studies: (But please mind: not every course is offered in every semester)

	1.Semester		2. Semester	
“Fast track”	A1 (8hrs of class per week)	A2 Intensive course (5hrs a day, ca. 4 weeks in between terms)	B1 (4-12 hrs of class per week)	B1+ Intensive course (5 hrs a day, ca. 4 weeks in between terms)
“Standard track”	A1.1 (4hrs class per week)	----	A1.2 (4 hrs class per week)	---

- For higher levels:

Starting from B1 level, you can take a general language course (usually 4hrs per week) and add more courses with special focus (speaking, writing, listening, pronunciation, presentations...) that are offered at that level. There are also online-courses that allow you to study flexibly.

The current semester programme (course plan) can be found under this link:

<http://www.zfs.uni-wuerzburg.de/en/sprachen/german-as-a-foreign-language/daf-news/german-courses/>

REGISTRATION FOR COURSES

There is no registration via sb@home for the German language courses in the ZFS. We have our own system which consists of an online preregistration followed by a registration in person.

The online preregistration is open a few weeks before the beginning of the semester and before the intensive courses start. This is where you find the link to the preregistration and information about the day and time of the personal registration:

http://www.zfs.uni-wuerzburg.de/en/sprachen/german_as_a_foreign_language/news_dates_and_registration/

Before the registration in person there are placement tests. Please take a placement test on the day given on our homepage if you are a new student here and know some German. If you are a complete beginner, the placement test is unnecessary, as you will have to register for the A1 or A1.1 course.

Please register in person on the day given on our homepage. Don't forget your student card or contract/ letter from the faculty where you are employed. If you don't make it to the registration, please send an email to the ZFS stating in which course you would like to participate and when you will be able to join the course. Please understand that we cannot accept new participants after a course has started without prior notice.

IF YOU CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN A CURRENT COURSE

Our semester courses last ca. 14 weeks, our intensive courses last ca. 4 weeks. Please understand that you can't join a course in the middle of the semester. If you cannot participate in a German language course at ZFS, please have a look at our self-study material.

In our "Mediothek" (www.zfs.uni-wuerzburg.de/mediothek/) you can find language books, grammar books, magazines, DVDs and Online-material for learning languages.

Here you can find some language software to study by yourself. For beginners we suggest PONS INTRO TO GERMAN. Please ask one of our employees at the desk there to show the program to you. You can also have a look at the other German language beginner courses like CAMPUS LANGUAGE TRAINING or TELL ME MORE.

NEED MORE HELP?

If you have any questions regarding German language courses or need help, please contact the staff at the German Department at the ZFS, we are pleased to help you.

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