

## Information about our courses

We run **in-semester German language courses** for international students enrolled at the University of Bonn, doctoral students, visiting academics and members of the university staff.

Courses take an **interactive and practical approach** to oral and written language acquisition **allowing multinational groups of no more than 15 participants** to equip themselves to master a number of everyday communication situations in German.

The courses allow students to practice written and oral comprehension; students also extend their vocabulary and learn the theory and application of grammatical structures.

The **everyday language courses** A1.1 to B2.2 taught at the German as a Foreign Language section are supplemented by a range of **German special topic courses** taught at various levels. An internal learning module on **eCampus** extends existing skills and knowledge.

## Information about our additional offer

Our **German as a Foreign Language learning support** is open to all international students at the University of Bonn. Our advisors provide help and advice to students seeking to work independently to learn German. Working together, we draw up tailor-made learning strategies.

**Those seeking to learn German can be confronted with a number of difficulties:**

- What and how should I learn?
- Which materials should I use?
- How do I deal with learning and motivational problems?
- How can I plan and monitor my learning progress?

Our learning advisors are happy to help: simply make an appointment.

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## Welcome at the University of Bonn!

Our team is always happy to help:

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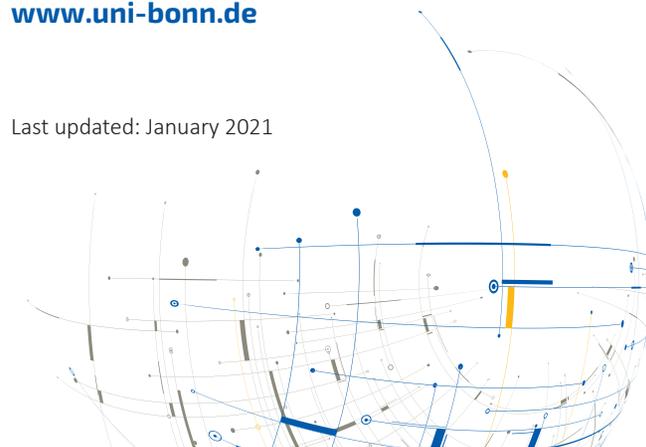
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## In-Semester German Language Courses



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## In-Semester German Language Courses (SDK)

### Everyday Language

Level	Course description
A1.1	<b>For beginners with no or very limited previous knowledge – On-site or online course</b> <b>Participants learn:</b> Basic everyday communication: shopping, restaurant visits, using public transport etc.; vocabulary relating to family, the world of work, leisure, food and drink, numbers, prices and times; oral and written reporting of everyday life in the present tense
A1.2	<b>For beginners with limited previous knowledge: following successful completion of level A1.1 or with equivalent pre-existing skills – On-site or online course</b> <b>Participants learn:</b> To understand and compose simple texts and advertisements; to hold simple conversations about everyday situations in the present and the past (e.g. their daily routine, working day, their flat or house, finding their way about shopping centers or visiting the doctor)
A2.1	<b>For participants with basic knowledge: following successful completion of level A1.2 or with equivalent pre-existing skills – On-site or online course</b> <b>Participants learn:</b> To understand and compose texts (expressions of opinion, stating advantages and disadvantages, recounting experiences, requesting information on the telephone, giving directions)
A2.2	<b>For participants with extended basic knowledge: following successful completion of level A2.1 or with equivalent pre-existing skills – On-site or online course</b> <b>Participants learn:</b> To express wishes, needs and interests and to question conversation partners about these. Participants will extend their vocabulary relating to issues such as their education, employment, domestic arrangements and travel.
B1.1	<b>For participants with basic knowledge: following successful completion of level A2.2 or with equivalent pre-existing skills – On-site course</b> <b>Participants learn:</b> To deploy suitable phrases in the composition of texts about issues of personal and general interest and to make their own opinions clear. They also learn strategies to avoid grammatical errors.

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B1.2	<b>For participants with a good working knowledge of German: following successful completion of level B1.1 or with equivalent pre-existing skills – On-site course</b> <b>Participants learn:</b> To communicate independently and confidently on topics of general interest (film, music, sport etc.); to compose simple personal and formal letters, to report experiences and substantiate an opinion
B2.1	<b>For participants with advanced knowledge: following successful completion of level B1.2 or with equivalent pre-existing skills – On-site course</b> <b>Participants learn:</b> Strategies for written and listening comprehension; making broad-based oral and written statements (discussions, substantiated statements of opinion, short addresses, written arguments)
B2.2	<b>For participants with very advanced knowledge: following successful completion of level B2.1 or with equivalent pre-existing skills – On-site course</b> <b>Participants learn:</b> To express themselves in complex situations and to make coherent statements of opinion on topics of personal interest; to express and substantiate personal opinions; to compose well-structured and comprehensive texts; to summarize key points; to make comments and contributions to a discussion

### Special Topic Courses

A2/B1	<b>My Germany – Practical Regional and Cultural Studies Course – On-site course</b> Participants learn about Germany and the Germans by visiting Bonn landmarks and learning about famous historical residents of Bonn.
A2/B1	<b>Communicative Grammar – On-site course</b> Participants work with a range of communicative situations and language games to practice their German grammar.
A2/B1	<b>Practical Pronunciation Practice (phonetics) – On-site course</b> Participants practice both speaking without notes and reciting texts, improving their pronunciation and general communication.

Level	Course description
B1/B2	<b>Next stop: Germany! – online course</b> This course is about the country you are now in – its history, culture and society. How the Germans became what they are today, and what makes them “tick”. History, politics, education, media ... and more.
B1/B2	<b>German and Art – On-site course</b> A creative language and art workshop course with German literature, language from film and music, the fine arts and painting; working with quotations, texts and works of art
B2/C1	<b>German for Professionals: Applying and Working in a German Language Environment – online course</b> In this course, participants learn how to apply for jobs in German language environments, increasing their chances of successfully starting their career in German-speaking countries.
B2/C1	<b>Contemporary Discussions in the Media and Academia – On-site course</b> Discussions of current issues in journals, TV programs, podcasts, Internet contributions; the composition of texts, shooting short videos, the production of podcasts
B2/C1	<b>Advanced Grammar – On-site course</b> “Now this would interest you ... ” In this course you get to review what you know and practice new grammar topics, expanding your communicative and expressive range. “You are going to love it!”
B2/C1	<b>Confident Presentations and Convincing Discussions – On-site course</b> Participants learn presentation techniques, practice speaking without notes, how to give short German-language presentations in front of an audience and conduct oral and written discussions.
Only Gawi-Dok B1/B2	<b>German for Economists – On-site course</b> Participants hold discussions about economic topics using a range of up-to-date articles from various journals and newspapers, TV programs, videos and podcasts, thereby extending their economics vocabulary.
Only Gawi-Dok B2/C1	<b>Do you Speak Academic German? – German in an Academic Context – On-site course</b> Participants compare academic and colloquial language, learn various note-taking techniques, write summaries and commentaries and discuss topics relevant to their studies.