

German - Languages for All

“Can you afford to ignore German? There are more than 100 million native speakers of German in Europe. German is the official language of Austria, Germany, Liechtenstein as well as an official language in Luxemburg and Switzerland. There are also pockets of German speaking communities in northern Italy and Belgium. German can also help you in many parts of Eastern Europe where the language used to be taught as the first foreign language at school.

The rich cultural diversity and heritage of German speaking countries intertwined with the current economic strength of Germany make German a fascinating language. Germany offers beautiful countryside and exciting cities. Berlin has now become a magnet for young people from all over Europe. Germany is the UK's most important trading partner and the CBI has once again confirmed that German is the **most useful language skill** (http://www.cbi.org.uk/media/1514978/cbi_education_and_skills_survey_2012.pdf) to have for British employees. Germany enjoys a high reputation in Research and Development and Engineering. There are numerous career and job opportunities for those who speak the language not to mention advantages for social and leisure purposes. Ordering your drink in German at the Oktoberfest is quite an experience.

Take the plunge, take a German language course with us and discover a whole new world.”

Dietmar Wozniak, Staatsexamen
Language Co-ordinator for German

Is German difficult to learn?

German has a reputation for being a difficult language to learn but in reality, it is neither easier nor more difficult than any other language. German grammar might be slightly more complex than English but many words are very similar or identical; e.g. the meaning of words like 'Glas', 'Wort', 'Ball', 'Bus', 'Name' etc is pretty obvious even to absolute beginners. German pronunciation is very easy for native speakers of English and after the first hour of your German language course you will be able to read German text aloud without serious difficulties. The principle of the letter sound relationship in German is based on the 'What you see is what you get' principle and that principle applies to German and Germans in more than one way. Find out for yourself.

The Team

We are a small team of highly experienced and well qualified tutors. Our permanent members of staff [Dietmar Wozniak \(/staff/profiles/lfa/wozniak-dietmar.aspx\)](#), [Ulrike Mynette \(/staff/profiles/lfa/mynette-ulrike.aspx\)](#) and [Wibke Rickers \(/staff/profiles/lfa/rickers-wibke.aspx\)](#) are all native speakers of German and have dedicated their careers to teaching the language. We are also supported by enthusiastic and professional visiting tutors most of whom have been teaching for us for many years.

You can take one of our German courses or, if you are a student here, study German as an MOMD:

- [Summer courses \(/facilities/cml/summer/index.aspx\)](#) - a great way of trying out a new language from scratch or coming back to a language you have studied previously. There are no assessments and no books to buy, just lots of language practice in small groups.
- [Open Access \(/facilities/cml/iwlp/open/index.aspx\)](#) - available for all who wish to study a language; students, staff, and members of the public.
- [Modules Outside the Main Discipline \(MOMD\) \(/facilities/cml/iwlp/momd/index.aspx\)](#) - reserved for undergraduates who wish to take a language course as part of their degree
- [Free course \(/facilities/cml/iwlp/free/index.aspx\)](#) - for all full time undergraduate students who are not taking a language as a MOMD