

Learning by discovering at the Deutsche Sprachschule Dresden



Course Program





Why learning German at the DSD?

Learning starts with a sense of well-being

The DSD - a school with charm and character, which doesn't remind you of a school at all. The style and aesthetic of the individually designed rooms create a warm and comfortable atmosphere which give a sense of well-being right from the start. A very important condition for a positive learning experience.



Communicative teaching means creating together

In the DSD one does not "consume" but one communicates. The language students help creating their own lessons by dialogues, presentations, short recitations, etc. This way, speaking inhibitions are reduced right from the start and the articulateness in the German language is developed.

The smaller the group, the bigger the learning success

In bigger groups you can easily disappear. But do you learn something very well this way? In the small groups of the DSD with no more than 5 participants every language student is demanded and supported equally. The individual supervision of every single course participant is the highest principle of the DSD.



Analogous and digital - technology helps learning

The red thread of our lessons are CEFR-certified textbooks (textbooks, exercise books, audio-CD). This basis for our lessons is optimally supplemented with interactive learning software (language lab, orthography, grammar tests) which can be used by language students after the classes.

A city which delights you

Dresden is more than just the Frauenkirche. The completely restored Old Town with its historical buildings looks across the river Elbe towards the not less attractive Neustadt with its witty artistic and cultural milieu. Two fascinating city centres and a picturesque vicinity are the framework for your German course at the DSD.





Our program

- ★ German intensive courses at all levels A1 - C2 according to CEFR
- ★ Exam preparation for **Zertifikat Deutsch**, **TestDaF** and **DSH**
- ★ ..German Phonetics & Rhetoric
- ★ German for the job - Business German - German for special fields
- ☀ Programs for children, school classes and student groups
- ☀ Summer courses

The services

- ★ free placement test
- ★ intensive courses in small groups and individual teaching
- ★ tailor-made courses to meet your personal learning needs
- ★ in- and outdoor projects
- ★ thematic training excursions
- ★ certified literature
- ★ multimedia devices (language software, DV-cam, audio, video)
- ★ daily life orientated subjects
- ★ weekly learn control tests
- ★ final exam with DSD-Certificate
- ★ free telephone and highspeed internet access at school
- ★ arrangement of accommodation in guest-rooms, apartments and hostels
- ★ arrangement of cultural events, such as excursions, exhibitions, concerts etc.

Lesson-times:

The tuition takes place from Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm.
(5 units a day, 25 units a week, 1 unit = 45 min.)

1. lesson:	8:30 am	-	9:15 am		
2. lesson:	9:15 am	-	10:00 am	1. break:	10:00 am - 10:30 am
3. lesson:	10:30 am	-	11:15 am		
4. lesson:	11:15 am	-	12:00 pm	2. break:	12:00 pm - 12:15 pm
5. lesson:	12:15 pm	-	13:00 am		



The *Deutsche Sprachschule Dresden* is situated in the bright and multicoloured heart of the famous area of arts and trades in Dresden, often called "Montmartre of Dresden". Hereabouts you can find more than 130 sights (places of interest), as well as boutiques, galleries, studios and stores to any taste. The historic center of the old city is within an easy short walk over the picturesque bridges across the Elbe or a minute ride by bus or by tram.

Martin-Luther-Platz

According to our motto: "*Learning by Discovering*" our participants enjoy creative tuition in three individual furnished classrooms fully equipped with modern multimedia devices.

During the breaks and after the classes you can have a snack and a cup of tea or coffee and just chat at our cosy "Bistro".



Albertplatz at the Neustadt



Martin-Luther-Straße



Old Town Festival



Albrechtsberg Palace



Semper Opera House



Our teaching concept is based on the learning levels A1 - C2 specified by the "Common European Framework of References". It enables you to expand your proficiency in German language continuously and without any gaps right from the beginning.

Every learning level concludes with a final examination containing the issues of the attended course. A successfully passed examination allows the participant to go for the following level.

After the successfully passed learning level B1 you will be eligible to apply for the examination Zertifikat Deutsch. The examination TestDaF requires a successfully passed learning level C1.

Levels	Lessons	Literature	Examinations
Elementary level A1	200 l.	<i>Delfin Teil 1, Begegnungen A1</i>	Start Deutsch 1
Elementary level A2	200 l.	<i>Delfin Teil 2, Begegnungen A2</i>	Start Deutsch 2
Advanced level B1	200 l.	<i>Delfin Teil 3, Begegnungen B1</i>	Zertifikat Deutsch
Advanced level B2	100 l.	<i>Mittelstufenbuch DaF 1</i>	
Mastery level C1	100 l.	<i>Mittelstufenbuch DaF 2</i>	ZMP, TestDaF
Mastery level C2	100 l.	<i>Oberstufenbuch DaF</i>	ZOP, DSH

Placement test:

Before your German course starts we asked you to complete the Tangram placement test without any outside help. This placement test comprehends the contents of the levels A1 – B2. The evaluation enables us to allocate you in advance to the appropriate course.

Weekly learning tests:

Every week concludes with a learning test that helps to control your learning progress and supports you to master every learning step without any gaps.

Learning level examination:

To document your achieved learning goals every level concludes with a final examination containing the taught learning steps. A successfully passed examination allows you to go for the following level.

DSD-Certificates:

Every participant having passed the final examination will be awarded our *Learning Level Certificate*, certifying the passed learning level and the obtained skills in reading and listening comprehension, oral and written expression.



The fundamental of our **inter-active lessons** is the direct and communicative teaching method, which enhances the dynamic group process as well as the concentration and motivation of each participant.

Learning without any stress and pressure is our principle. The different personalities of the learners is taken into account by individual communication channels. The participant is always the centre of the teaching process.

Creative lessons and **regular learning control tests** enable the participant to perceive and understand the fineness of German grammar.

Sensitive address will encourage the participants to express themselves in the new language from the very beginning of the course. Games like improvised interviews or sketches help to overcome very quickly the natural symptoms of shyness, embarrassment and inhibition. The enhancing pace of speaking as well as the steady growing vocabulary will be compensated by continuous repetition.

Multimedia devices helps the participants to obtain the proficiency in listening and speaking with ease. By means of learn software, audio and video sequences the perception and imitation of authentic German language will be trained.

As an efficient support of **self-control and analysis** the participants work out and perform short dialogues and plays on their own, which will be recorded on tape or video. This will help to get a real feeling for the own German speaking and enables to recognize and correct mistakes.

Projects in and outside the classroom as well as **thematic training excursions** turn the classroom lessons into real language experiences with a high learning value. Common city excursions by public transport, shopping tours on street markets, visits of important local industrial producers, artists and craftspeople as well as original thematic exhibitions take the participants close to the social and cultural life of the city and opens a direct contact to the local people. The gained language knowledge will be purposefully applied in real life on the real spot.

The lessons are held completely in German language, supported by glossaries and vocabularies.



Regular courses at level A1 – C2:



The basis of our German language courses is the educational guideline of the "Common European Framework of References" (CER). The goals and contents address those who are looking for a lively way to learn German as second language or those who need to improve their existing proficiency in German language to successfully pass their school, college or university exams in their native countries. Participants who intend to study or work in Germany will have the opportunity to fulfil the necessary requirements in German language.

The inter-active tuition leads you to an effective operational use of the German language on a broad thematic spectrum. The small classes as well as the individual teaching guarantee a very high learning level and the achievement of individual learning goals. A helping hand for oral exercising and self-control will give you the use of web-cam, audio and video.

Exam preparation courses:

Advanced learners who need an officially acknowledged certificate, i.e. for high-level jobs or admission to universities in Germany, will be prepared intensively for the examination in **Zertifikat Deutsch**, **TestDaF** and **DSH**. The course duration varies between four and eight weeks.



After a successful exam preparation test we register the candidate for the desired examination at an official test centre for the German language in Dresden.

The registration and examination fee depends on the terms of the executing test centre.

Zertifikat Deutsch	TestDaF & DSH
<p>The requirement for the examination <i>Zertifikat Deutsch</i> is German language level B1 with at least 350 passed lessons.</p> <p>The exam preparation course <i>Zertifikat Deutsch</i> deals intensively with the learning goals of level A2 - B1 and operates with the contents of the official examination.</p>	<p>The examination <i>TestDaf</i> requires German language level C1 with ca. 700 passed lessons. For <i>DSH</i> examination 900 German lessons (A1 - C2) are necessary.</p> <p>The exam preparation course <i>TestDaf</i> deals with the learning goals of level B2 - C1. The <i>DSH</i> preparation operates with the contents of level C1 - C2.</p>

German for the Job



- improving the existing knowledge
- introduction to and discussion of relevant items on work and profession
- creating application material (letter of application, CV, references)
- exercising phone calls and business talks
- lively introduction to regional studies, economic and social life in Germany

Business Communication



- writing and translating commercial correspondence (enquiries, offers, orders, acknowledgments, credit letters, delivery, payment, complaints and adjustments)
- exercising business talks and negotiations
- company and product presentation (fairs, advertising)
- lively introduction to regional studies, economic and social life in Germany

German for the Special Fields



- preparation for special fields and branches like technology, medicine, architecture, judiciary, journalism etc.
- learning the specific vocabulary, idioms and expressions
- lively introduction to regional studies, economic and social life in Germany
- preparation for professional exams in German language

Phonetics & Rhetoric



- improving the existing knowledge
- working out the substance of classic and contemporary German texts (lyric, poetry, prose, speeches)
- phonetic exercises, reciting, holding free speeches
- creating texts (short stories, lyrics, speeches)
- exercising and performing given and self-created plays
- creating and presenting the personal and professional profile



An attractive combination of German lessons in the morning and culture in the afternoon offers our special holiday program for children and juveniles, school classes and student groups.

The educational and leisure-time character of study travels for young people reaches a lasting reevaluation and brings to all participants a culture and learn experience which last but not least increases motivation.

The tuition corresponds to the age and the learning level of the group. Participants who have no knowledge in German language or who have studied the German language in their own countries only, attain a personal feeling for the country, its people, their language and culture for the first time. Participants who have been to Germany before will broaden their spheres of experience through new valuable insights and findings.

German course in the morning

Course volume: optional 5 days with 25 lessons or
5 days with 20 lessons

Lesson-times: Monday to Friday, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm (5 x 5 l.) or
9:00 am - 12:30 pm (5 x 4 l.)

Culture program in the afternoon (optional)

Monday: Visit of the Old Masters Picture Gallery or visit of the Historic Green Vault or visit of the Museum Dresden Fortress

Tuesday: Guided tour at the Transparent Factory of Volkswagen Dresden or guided tour at the Semper Opera and the Frauenkirche

Wednesday: Trip to Meißen including a visit of the Albrechtsburg and the Meißen Cathedral as well as a guided to tour at the Extended Porcelain Museum of Meißen

Thursday: Elbe trip on a steam-ship to Pillnitz Palace or to the famous Bastei in Saxon Switzerland



The procedure and contents of the cultural program will be arranged according to your wishes. An extension of the language-learning holiday is possible.

Our summer courses are open for the levels A1 - C2 according to CEFR.



Lesson-times: Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm (5 x 5 l. a week)

Course duration: The minimum duration of a summer course is one week (25 l.), the maximum are two months (200 l.). Each course starts on Monday and ends on Friday.

Arrival and departure: The day of arrival is Sunday, departure is on Saturday.

The program:

- ✦ City tour including visits to the historical monuments (Frauenkirche (Church of our Lady), Semper Opera House, Zwinger, castle and much more)
- ✦ Once a week a field-trip including tour-guide as part of the lessons (castle Albrechtsburg and cathedral in Meißen, Pillnitz castle, Moritzburg castle, Stolpen castle, the fortress in Königstein, the Bastei in Saxon Switzerland and many more)
- ✦ Visit to one museum after previous linguistic preparation during the lessons (New Masters Gallery, New Green Vault, Museum of Transportation, Hygiene Museum with scientific exhibitions on the topics of the human, environment, society, history and much more)

Leisure activities

The city of Dresden and its environs offer a rich choice of sporting and relaxing activities:

- ☀ Canoe trips on the river Elbe
- ☀ Cycling tours along the valley of the river Elbe
- ☀ Horse riding in the Saxon Switzerland
- ☀ Creative workshops in applied arts studios (pottery, painting, calligraphy, theatre)
- ☀ Traditional festivals of the city (Dixieland Festival, Elbhangfest, Altstadtfest)
- ☀ Open-Air summer-concerts (classical and modern)
- ☀ Open-Air cinema at the riverbank of the Elbe

All desired leisure activities can be booked and organised with us.

Once a week the tuition takes place outside the classroom. As part of these weekly training excursions relevant to the subjects of the lessons the participants work on certain tasks. By interviewing and talking to people on the spot i.e. on city tours, on company visits, in stores, on markets or at exhibitions the obtained language skills will be purposeful applied and the vocabulary effectively extended. Subsequently the collected information and impressions serve for conversation and discussion subjects in class.

A rich repertoire of instructive places turns tuition into real language experiences, such as:

- the picturesque city markets or the Pfunds Molkerei - the most beautiful dairy shop in the world - concerning the **subjects: food, shopping and trade**
- the worldwide one and only "Manufactory of Glass" by Volkswagen, located in the city, concerning the **subjects: production and work**
- the famous Porcelain Manufactory Meißen concerning the **subject: art of craft**
- the Traffic Museum Dresden concerning the **subject: transport systems**
- the Hygiene Museum Dresden concerning the **subjects: man and environment**
- the Semper Opera concerning the **subjects: architecture, art and music**
- the Puppet Museum Dresden concerning the **subject: hand-made art**
- the Japanese Palace concerning the **subjects: regional studies and ethnology**



Cosel Palace at Pillnitz



Old Master's Gallery



Picknick on the Elbe shore



Bastei in Saxon Switzerland

For your language stay in Dresden you have a wide choice of individual and comfortable accommodation to reasonable prices.

DSD Guest-room „Cosel“

Make yourself comfortable and feel like at home at our guest room "Cosel" located right at the school:

- ★ fully equipped kitchen, bath (washbasin, WC), cable TV, CD/DVD, radio
- ★ telephone (for Germany) and highspeed internet access free of charge.



Hostels, guesthouses, apartments

Selected hostels, guesthouses and apartments are prepared to give you a second home in Dresden. Enjoy the private atmosphere and the personal contact to your German hosts.

You can make a reservation free of charge by using the booking links on our website www.germanlessons.de/accommodation.htm .

For the arrangement of accommodation by the DSD we charge an extra fee of 50 €.



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