

Visa for language acquisition

Would you like to learn German in Germany? Find out how to get a visa for language acquisition.

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You can take German language courses not only abroad, but also in Germany. A **visa** for language acquisition under [Section 16f \(1\) of the Residence Act \(AufenthG\)](#)  permits entry and residence for this purpose.

To find out if you need a visa to enter Germany, please refer to the “[How do I apply for a visa?](#)” section.

What are the requirements for a language course visa?

- You have been admitted to an intensive German language course. Courses consisting of daily German lessons with a minimum of 18 lessons of instruction per week are generally considered to be intensive language courses. Evening and weekend courses are not sufficient.
- You are able to cover your living costs for the duration of your stay. Evidence can be provided by means of a blocked bank account or a **declaration of commitment**.

Do you fulfil these requirements? Learn about the procedure for the entry and visa process.



The right visa for your German course

If you want to take a German course in preparation for studying or training in Germany, it may be the case that you do not need a German language course visa, but a visa to start studying or vocational training, especially if you have already found a vocational training place or course of study. If you do not meet the language requirements for enrolment in higher education and have not yet been accepted to a university, you will need a [visa for seeking a place in higher education](#).

Do you meet the requirements mentioned before? Then find out about how the **entry and visa process** works.

The visa or **residence permit** for language acquisition is issued for the duration of the language course, up to a maximum of 12 months. During this time, you are permitted to work up to 20 hours per week.

Here you find an [overview](#) of how to secure your livelihood according to the purpose of stay.

Information on the web

Federal Foreign Office (FFO)

[You can find out which visa you need in order to come to Germany with the Visa-Navigator.](#)

Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF)

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