

## Language centres

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There are many different types of language centres. Examples include:

- **Goethe-Institut:** The Goethe-Institut of the Federal Republic of Germany is a cultural association which is aimed at promoting the German language and culture. For this purpose, the Goethe-Institut offers German language courses at 157 sites in Germany and abroad. To find out where your nearest Goethe-Institut is, click on our "[local contacts](#)" map.
- **Integration course centres:** If you're already in Germany, you may need to participate in an [integration course](#), which are available at more than 1,300 language schools in Germany and supported by the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF). In these courses, you can learn German and also about German culture, history and the legal system. You will also obtain many practical tips for your everyday life in Germany. Integration courses last a minimum of 660 hours. Specialised integration courses may last 960 hours. Further information on who is eligible for these courses and the cost involved is available [here](#) .
- **Providers of work-related language courses:** The Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (BMAS) offers vocational language courses which address migrants, EU citizens and Germans with migration background. Requirements for participation are either a completed integration course or language level B1 in German. The vocational language courses are supposed to facilitate the participant's career start and everyday work life. The basic module teaches you general German language skills for your work life and the special modules help you to enhance your specialised professional vocabulary. The courses are provided nationwide at affordable fees. You can find further information on the vocational language courses on the [website of the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs](#) .
- **Volkshochschulen:** Volkshochschulen are adult learning centres which offer low-cost German courses in most German cities. Please refer to the [Volkshochschule website](#)  to find out where your nearest Volkshochschule is and which kind of courses it offers.
- **Other language centres:** The data base of the [Fachverband für Deutsch als Fremdsprache](#)  provides information on courses offered by other public and private language centres in Germany.
- **Courses for your children are available as well:** Some classes are tailored to the interests and language skills of children and young people. These courses are very important so children begin to learn German as early as possible, which makes it easier for them to adapt to their new environment, make new friends and start to feel at home in Germany. Further details are available [here](#) .

## Information on the web

### **Volkshochschulen**

Language courses in many German towns and cities

### **Goethe-Institut**

German language courses in 92 countries and in Germany; online courses; free exercises

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### **German Academic Exchange Service**

Information about language courses, exams and placement tests

### **Deutsche Welle**

Free German language courses by the German international broadcaster

### **Deutscher Bildungsserver**

Here, you'll find an overview of public and private offers for learning German

### **Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs**

Information on learning German for the workplace

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