



Humboldt-Institut
Verein für Deutsch als Fremdsprache e.V.



**German for Young People
and Adults**

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Instruction

Types of Programs

One of the Humboldt-Institut's strengths is the intensity of instruction due to the high amount of lessons per week as well as the small class sizes.

The following types of programs are available:

Intensive Courses

30 lessons per week

Junior Intensive Courses and

Summer Courses 25 lessons per week

Mini Group Courses

40 lessons per week

One-to-one Intensive Courses

25, 30 and 40 lessons per week

Classes

Classes are held Monday through Friday except on bank holidays. One-to-one, mini group courses, as well as TestDaF preparatory courses are taught regardless of bank holidays. Each class lasts for 45 minutes and is usually attended by 5 to 10 participants, in mini groups by 2 to 4 participants. Classroom instruction focuses on listening and reading comprehension, writing skills, speaking skills and grammar.

Bank Holidays (Without Lessons)

January 1, May 1, December 25, January 1 (2016)

Finding the Right Level

All students are expected to take a placement test on the first day of their course. Based on their results students will be assigned to a class of their language level. During the summer months the first day is reserved for the placement test, i. e., the rest of the day is generally for orientation without instruction.

We distinguish the following 6 levels according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR):

Level		Duration
A1	Elementary 1 also for total beginners	5 weeks
A2	Elementary 2	5 weeks
B1	Intermediate 1 leads to telc Deutsch B1	5 weeks
B2	Intermediate 2 leads to telc Deutsch B2	10 weeks
C1.1	Advanced 1.1 leads to TestDaF	5 weeks
C1.2	Advanced 1.2 leads to telc Deutsch C1	5 weeks
C2	Advanced 2	10 weeks
	total duration	45 weeks

The duration is based on courses with 30 lessons per week.

Online Placement Test

If you wish to test your German skills in advance, you may do so by taking our online placement test (www.humboldt-institut.org).

Teachers

Our teachers are highly trained native speakers with university degrees, who use modern teaching methods.

Teaching Material

The Humboldt-Institut provides its students with all the teaching material they need in class at no charge.

Homework

Teachers regularly assign homework so that students can build upon what they have learned and be prepared for class. Homework assignments are of reasonable size so that students still have plenty of time for extracurricular activities. Written homework is corrected and handed back to students so that they can monitor their progress.

Weekly and Skill-level Tests

Participants in all programs take a weekly test so that students and teachers can assess the progress made during the preceding week. Comprehensive exams are written at the conclusion of each level.

Certificates

At the end of the program all participants are awarded a certificate confirming the number of lessons attended as well as the skill level that the student has achieved. Grades are given for listening and reading comprehension, oral and written expression and grammar skills.



Prüfungen

Examinations

Students at the Humboldt-Institut can complete internationally recognized, standardized exams at all levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. The following overview shows the exams along with the language level certification students will obtain if they pass a given exam:

Language Examination	Level	Age	Test Center
telc Deutsch A1 telc Deutsch A2 telc Deutsch B1 telc Deutsch B2 telc Deutsch C1	A1 A2 B1 B2 C1	14 and up	Constance, Berlin, Bad Schussenried, Lindenberg, Meersburg
telc Deutsch A1 Junior	A1	10 - 14	Bad Schussenried, Lindenberg
telc Deutsch A2 Schule telc Deutsch B1 Schule	A2 B1	10 - 17	Bad Schussenried, Lindenberg
telc Deutsch B1+ Beruf telc Deutsch B2+ Beruf	B1 B2	18 and up	Constance, Berlin, Bad Schussenried
telc Deutsch C1 Hochschule	C1.2	18 and up	Constance, Berlin
TestDaF	C1.1 + prep course	16 and up	Constance, Berlin

telc Examinations

The telc (The European Language Certificates) company is an internationally recognized test provider that worked with the Goethe-Institut to develop the well-known "Zertifikat Deutsch" (ZD) exam, now known as the telc Deutsch B1 exam. Language certifications are geared towards the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, making them internationally comparable and improving students' educational and professional opportunities.

telc Deutsch A1 - C1

These general language exams let you show how well you have mastered the German language in daily situations, such as trips, leisure activities or at work. Each exam consists of a written individual test as well as an oral exam conducted with another student or in a group.

telc Deutsch A1 Junior

The child-friendly format of this exam is geared towards our youngest learners. The test does not take long to complete, which, along with its use of pictures and its simple and easy-to-understand tasks, tailors it to the cognitive abilities of children.

telc Deutsch Schule

Since their format corresponds to that of general language exams, these exams for secondary school students are equivalent to the more general exams. The telc Deutsch Schule exams, however, also cover subject matters geared specifically to young people's life and to what they know, i. e., their leisure time, their friends or what it is like to live in another country. A telc exam also allows young people to demonstrate their commitment, interest and determination.



telc Deutsch Beruf

Geared specifically towards professionals, these exams are designed with an eye to the format of the general language exams. Not only will this additional certification allow you to demonstrate your language skills to HR representatives – it will also showcase your initiative and dedication.

telc Deutsch C1 Hochschule

This exam is geared towards adults who would like to demonstrate their German language skills because they wish to begin studying, are already studying or hope to work in an academic field at a German university. This exam tests advanced German skills needed at university level.

Exam Dates for telc Examinations

February 6, 2015	July 31, 2015
March 13, 2015	August 14, 2015
April 17, 2015	September 4, 2015
May 22, 2015	October 9, 2015
June 12, 2015	November 13, 2015
June 26, 2015	December 18, 2015
July 17, 2015	February 5, 2016

Registration deadline:

23 days before the test date. Later registrations will only be accepted upon agreement and for an additional fee.

The TestDaF also provides evidence of language ability for anyone who wants to do research in Germany or who wants to document high language skills.

Humboldt students with no prior knowledge of German would need roughly 7.5 months to reach the required level of language skills. For those participants who have completed level C1.1, we strongly recommend our special, two-week TestDaF preparatory course, which builds upon their language skills. The Humboldt-Institut has licensed testing centers in Constance and Berlin.

Exam Dates:

February 10, 2015
April 22, 2015
June 9, 2015
July 15, 2015
September 10, 2015
November 19, 2015

Registration until:

January 13, 2015
March 25, 2015
May 12, 2015
June 17, 2015
August 13, 2015
October 22, 2015

TestDaF

("Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache")

The TestDaF exam demonstrates that a candidate has sufficient German skills for admission to a German university if he or she earns the minimum TestDaF level of 4 in each of the four exam sections. As a standardized exam for meeting university language requirements, the TestDaF is the equivalent of the DSH exam, while offering numerous other advantages: Students may take the exam as many times as they wish and, thanks to the uniformity of the exam, they can target specific areas as they prepare (see TestDaF Preparatory Courses).

