

German Curriculum

A1 to C2

A1 – Breakthrough User (Beginner Level)

Course Objective: Build foundational German language skills. Learners will be able to understand and use familiar expressions and interact in basic, everyday contexts.

Core Competencies:

- German alphabet and correct pronunciation (Umlaut, ß)
- Greetings, formal/informal introductions, and polite expressions
- Talking about personal information: name, origin, age, occupation
- Counting, telling the time, dates, days, months, seasons
- Describing people, rooms, cities, and routines
- Present tense of regular and irregular verbs (sein, haben, gehen, wohnen)
- Gender of nouns, articles (der/die/das), plurals, and adjective endings
- Word order in main and yes/no questions
- Basic negation using "nicht" and "kein"
- Vocabulary: family, home, food, school, transport, colors, clothing

- Writing simple texts: short emails, forms, basic personal descriptions
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A2 – Waystage User (Elementary Level)

Course Objective: Strengthen the ability to communicate in everyday tasks and simple routine exchanges. Learners will handle short dialogues and develop survival skills in German-speaking environments.

Core Competencies:

- Talking about daily life, habits, schedules, and preferences
- Giving and understanding directions, using maps, signs
- Describing past experiences using **Perfekt (present perfect)** tense
- Introduction to **modal verbs** (können, wollen, müssen, dürfen)
- Comparisons using adjectives (größer, besser)
- Expressing frequency, preferences, and needs
- Understanding separable and reflexive verbs
- Word order with time/place expressions and conjunctions
- Vocabulary: shopping, travel, food, weather, hobbies, body and health
- Writing invitations, descriptions, short letters, and informal notes

- Understanding common signs, ads, and announcements
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B1 – Threshold User (Intermediate Level)

Course Objective: Enable learners to handle most travel, work, and social situations in German-speaking areas. Learners can describe experiences, express opinions, and discuss personal interests.

Core Competencies:

- Verb tenses: **Perfekt, Präteritum, Plusquamperfekt, Futur I**
- Subordinate clauses: weil, dass, wenn, obwohl
- Expressing feelings, opinions, preferences, and experiences
- Giving reasons, comparisons, justifications, and consequences
- Modal verbs in past tense and passive voice (Präsens & Präteritum)
- Vocabulary: education, jobs, technology, media, environment
- Writing: structured emails, reviews, summaries, formal letters
- Direct and indirect speech, reported questions (Konjunktiv I)
- Understanding interviews, announcements, newspaper excerpts
- Interacting fluently on topics of personal interest and everyday challenges

B2 – Vantage User (Upper Intermediate Level)

Course Objective: Provide fluency and precision in spoken and written German. Learners should be able to understand and produce detailed arguments and communicate clearly in academic and workplace contexts.

Core Competencies:

- Mastery of indicative tenses and **Konjunktiv II** (hypothetical statements)
- Passive voice (all tenses) and participle constructions
- Advanced subordinate clauses and indirect discourse
- Expressing abstract concepts, comparisons, and contrast
- Writing essays, formal reports, complaint letters, and instructions
- Vocabulary: politics, society, current events, science, art, and culture
- Recognizing tone, register, and formality in spoken and written contexts
- Debate, argumentation, problem-solving, and speech planning
- Reading articles, literature excerpts, and opinion columns
- Preparation for **Goethe-Zertifikat B2** or equivalent exam

C1 – Effective Operational Proficiency (Advanced Level)

Course Objective: Reach high-level fluency for academic, professional, and social situations. Learners can express themselves fluently and spontaneously in well-structured, coherent discourse.

Core Competencies:

- Complex grammatical structures and sentence formation
- Extensive use of **Konjunktiv I & II**, passive and nominalizations
- Precise expression of cause-effect, concession, comparison, and purpose
- Understanding implicit meaning, irony, stylistic variation
- Writing: academic essays, press articles, analyses, official correspondence
- Reading and interpreting complex texts: legal, literary, political
- Vocabulary: economics, law, literature, philosophy, psychology
- Oral presentations, structured debate, interview preparation
- Adapting tone and style for different professional and cultural settings
- Preparation for **Goethe-Zertifikat C1** or TestDaF

C2 – Mastery (Proficient Level)

Course Objective: Achieve near-native proficiency. Learners will master the language in both structured and spontaneous contexts, including abstract, academic, and high-level professional domains.

Core Competencies:

- Producing and analyzing nuanced, well-structured discourse
- Mastery of stylistic devices, idioms, culturally nuanced expressions
- Writing complex argumentative, critical, or reflective texts
- Comprehending and summarizing complex source materials
- Expressing abstract and philosophical ideas fluently
- Participating in debates, negotiations, and mediations
- Mastery of all grammar structures and usage variations
- Interpreting tone, irony, humor, and literary subtext
- Leading discussions, moderating forums, evaluating texts
- Preparation for **Goethe-Zertifikat C2** or academic integration