

# Learn German in Dresden - the “Florence on the Elbe”



Learning German in the city known as the “Florence on the Elbe” is a unique cultural experience. The Saxon metropolis with the **Frauenkirche**, the **Zwinger** and the Moritzburg castle is the centre par excellence of the German baroque style. Its highlights include magnificent buildings, world-famous art collections, and living traditions both in music and the fine arts.

Today, Dresden offers a unique blend of stunning architecture and **great natural beauty** of the countryside along the Elbe river, which is a world heritage sight dotted with wonderful castles and villas.

The **academic diversity** of Dresden is also noteworthy. Beside the Technical University, which could be the first University in East Germany awarded as a “Elite University”, the Music Academy, the Palucca School of Dance and the Art Academy draw 40,000 students per year to Dresden.

On the northern banks of the Elbe river lies the cosmopolitan quarter of **Dresden-Neustadt** which includes many small galleries, theatres, and colourful houses. Every night young people from all walks of life meet here and enjoy themselves in the **numerous trendy bars, street cafés, and international restaurants**.

Did you know that the famous writer **Erich Kästner** spent his childhood in the Neustadt? This is also where Kästner Kolleg has its home and lives up to the author's motto: “There is nothing good: unless one does it”.

## ***DRESDEN Highlights:***

- Capital of the state Saxony, the *pearl of East Germany*
- Centrally located in Europe, close to Berlin, Prague and Warsaw
- Cosmopolitan city with universities, vibrant arts & entertainment
- 800-year tradition of culture, art and education,
- young and coming center of High tech and research
- 100 km of (bicycle) pathways along the Elbe and national parks

## ***Dresden Links:***

- Dresden Panorama: <http://www.stadtpanoramen.de/dresden/dresden.html>
- City of Dresden: [www.dresden.de](http://www.dresden.de)
- Dresden Neustadt: <http://www.dresden-neustadt.de/>

## Kästner Kolleg - German Courses since 1998



*Kästner Kolleg* was founded in 1998, and has evolved into a modern, middle-sized language school belonging to the leaders in language training in Dresden. We are a non-profit organization whose members participate in the decision-making process of the school. *Kästner Kolleg* offers personal and friendly alternative to the production like approach of large schools and institutions.

The satisfaction of our course participants can be summed up in a simple formula: "highest teaching standards + service + fun = fast successful learning." All of our teachers are native German speakers with university degrees, and they are specialists in teaching German as a Foreign Language.

We are accredited by the Bundesverband deutscher Privatschulen, the Regionalschulamt of Saxony and we are a TELC Examination Center.

Seven sunny and well-equipped teaching rooms, a modern library with up-to-date teaching material, multimedia and internet pool, and a small cafeteria are awaiting you right next door to the charming Alau Park: a green oasis in the vibrant "Szeneviertel - Neustadt" which is a colorful home to students and artists, and which offers international culture, art, and cuisine.

TANDEM-DRESDEN would like to become your home away from home for an unforgettable time. Thanks to the friendliness and warm hospitality of its people, it is easy to make new friends here - and of course learn year round German quickly by just speaking it all the time. And with our additional field trips and creative learning projects like "German in the City," we bring you closer to the German language, people and culture.

## Quality



As a member of TANDEM International ([www.tandem-schools.com](http://www.tandem-schools.com)) we are inspected and accredited. Our quality seal guarantees you to find high teaching quality and great service whenever you come to our school. *Kästner Kolleg* received the „Customer Satisfaction Award“ from [www.language-cours.net](http://www.language-cours.net) to the fourth year in a row.



## German Courses in Dresden - Course Types and Fees

If you take part in a language course at *Kästner Kolleg*, you will speak German from the word “go”. We teach German only in German according to the communicative method. The newest teaching material and its practical application in role-play games, learning projects, and excursions assist in the learning process.



At *Kästner Kolleg* you can learn German all **year round** from beginning to university levels, from A1 to C2 according to the European Union Standards. We will also prepare you for **ZD (B1), TestDaF, DSH or ZMP (B2) examinations**.

### Some examples of our German course program

#### *Intensive Course 25 = Standard Course*

<b>Age Group</b>	Ages 16 and up
<b>Course Content</b>	General Language Skills
<b>Length</b>	1 to 50 weeks
<b>Start Dates</b>	every Monday   <u>except from June 25<sup>th</sup> - September 14 (&gt;Summer Courses)</u>
<b>Start dates 4 beginners</b>	January 9; February 2; March 5; April 2 + 30; May 29; June 25; July 23; August 20; September 17; October 15; November 11, November 28; December 10 in 2012
<b>Levels</b>	Beginner (A1) to Advanced (C2)
<b>Time of Course</b>	09.30 to 14.00, Monday to Friday
<b>Lessons</b>	25 Lessons (45 Minutes = 1 lesson) + access to Self-study center
<b>Number of Participants</b>	Average of 8 students (12 maximum)
<b>Freetime Program</b>	2 weekly activities - Weekend excursions possible by request
<b>Accommodation</b>	Guestfamily   Student Shared housing (WG)   Private room

#### Course Description

##### **Basic Levels**

In the three Basic levels (A1 - B1) of our Standard-Intensive Course, you'll learn to understand through listening and reading, pronunciation, grammar, writing, and basic vocabulary. The emphasis of the course is always to speak and make your self understood in everyday life.

##### **Advanced Levels**

Fundamental vocabulary and grammar as well as the other skills are systematically built upon. The focus of this course is on speaking freely and on the different uses of language in spoken and written German.

**TIP:**

We continuously practice our German in real contexts, like dialogs and roll-playing. In this way you are able right from the start to accomplish everyday situations and you'll feel encouraged as you take your first steps learning German. What's more, you'll become familiar with German culture, its land and people.

**Course Levels and Scope**

Each level (A1, A2 etc.) is covered by a 8 week Standard Intensive Course (200 lessons). If you would like to participate in the entire course, please look at the Start Dates for each on our website. You can also join a class that has already started.

**A Typical School Day**

The "Intensive Course 25" starts each day at 09.30 am. There are two breaks, from 11.30 am to 12 pm and from 1 pm to 1.15 pm. During this time, you can relax in the neighboring park, help yourself to a beverage from the cafeteria, check your email, or chat with your friends.

Afterwards there is the possibility to use what you've learned in Free time activities, check out a film from our media library, or surf the net. Everything is included in the price of the course. At weekend we go on excursions where you visit Saxony, Berlin, or Prague.

**After the Course**

Once you've completed the three basic levels (A1, A2, B1 = 24 weeks) you are ready for the B1 German Certificate Test. You can file your test results with us. We are proud of our students' 95 percent pass rate. Of course, once you've finished level B1 you can immediately continue with level B2 and prepare yourself for the University entrance tests DSH or TestDaF (->DSH) or for occupational requirements (->German for Careers)

**Summer Course 30**

→ you can book this course also with 25 lessons per week.

<b>Age Group</b>	Ages 16 and up / <u>10-15 year &gt; Junior Course</u>
<b>Course Content</b>	General Language Skills + Conversation
<b>Length</b>	1 - 10 weeks
<b>Dates</b>	25.6 -14.9.2012 / every Monday / →Module Starts
<b>Beginners</b>	→ see "Standard intensive course 25" above or on our <a href="#">website</a>
<b>Levels</b>	Beginner (A2) to Advanced (C2)
<b>Time of Course</b>	09.30 to 15.30 Monday to Friday
<b>Lessons</b>	30 Lessons (45 Min. = 1 lesson) + access to independent study center
<b>Number of Participants</b>	Average of 8 students (12 maximum)
<b>Freetime Program</b>	5 weekly activities - 1 weekend excursion every 2 <sup>nd</sup> week
<b>Accommodation</b>	Guestfamily   Student shared housing  Private room ->rates

## Course Description

If you are looking for maximum learning progress in the shortest time possible, and if you already possess some prior German knowledge, we recommend the Summer Course 30, with 6 lessons daily. Besides the **Morning Classes** there are 5 x 45 min. of **Conversation Classes** per week in the afternoon, where you will be compelled to actively participate at all times. You will research current themes and work together with students from around the globe to create presentations for **land and cultural projects** - always with the aid and support of your trainers.

A **multifaceted freetime program** rounds out your summer course and you can readily try out your newly gained German skills. **Field trips and excursions** are organised and run by people who know Dresden well. You will have the opportunity to meet interesting people and visit places around Dresden. This way you can experience daily life in Germany.

## A Typical School Day

The "Summer Course 30" starts each day at 9.30 am. There are breaks from 11.30 to 12 pm, from 1 pm to 1:15 pm, and 2 to 2:30 pm. During this time, you can relax in the neighboring park, help yourself to a beverage from the cafeteria, check your email, or chat with your friends. After the morning class, you can get some lunch at one of the many nearby pubs, cafés, biertgartens or bistros or have a picnic at the neighboring park.

Fully recharged, it is then time for a lively **conversation** course, filled with serious topics as well as games and entertainment. And if you'd like to relax a bit while still keeping your German skills sharp, then take part in the **Freetime Activities** like beach volleyball, bowling, swimming, cycling, steamboating on the Elbe, outdoor concerts or cinema. The free time possibilities are countless. During the weekends we go on **excursions** where you can discover Dresden's surroundings, like the enchanting Saxon Switzerland, Berlin or even Prague. Everything is included in the price.

## Junior Course

For our young students (10 - 15 years) we offer special Junior courses with 25 teaching hours per week and with special methods for teenagers. This is language learning in combination with moving around and playing games plus an extensive leisure, excursion, and sports programme.

Though they are responsible for their own accommodation, catering and supervision outside the school. Of course we are ready to help you organising a safe and wonderful stay in Dresden.



Contact and Registration: [info@sprachmobil.com](mailto:info@sprachmobil.com)

## DSH/TestDaF preparation course

<b>Ages</b>	16 and up
<b>Content</b>	DSH / TestDaF-preparation
<b>Dates</b>	See start dates on our website: <a href="http://www.sprachmobil.com">www.sprachmobil.com</a>
<b>Levels</b>	C1
<b>Time plan</b>	09.30 to 14.00, Monday to Friday
<b>Lesson</b>	25 x 45 Minutes + independent study lab
<b>Participants</b>	Average 5 students (max. 12)
<b>Free time program</b>	2 weekly activities
<b>Accommodation</b>	Guest family   student shared flat (WG)   private room

### Course Description

Our 4 week intensive course for the DSH/ TestDaF preparation with 25 weekly lesson is ideal for you have already a C1/ level of German and would like to prepare effectively for the high demands of the DSH / TestDaF German language tests. In this course, the focus is on training skills and problem solving strategies that will be demanded of you in the tests. For example, we will practice different tasks like reading comprehension and text summary, scientific writing based on provided items or simulating an oral testing situation where you must speak with coherence about a topic from politics, technology or humanities.

### Exam Simulation

The core of the training course is the exam simulation. You will take complete tests in the actual time restrictions. By means of realistic testing, you will get a feel for the demands and for the availability of the time permitted. After analyzing your results, you will receive help and valuable tips so that you will be optimally prepared on the day of the test.

### Typical Schoolday

The class begins each day at 9.30 am and ends at 2 pm. There two breaks from 11.30 to 12.00, and from 1 to 1:15 pm during which you can relax in the neighboring park, fetch a drink from the cafeteria, check emails or visit with friends. In the afternoon, you can use the independent study lab to enhance what you have learned, or to help with projects. We're always there to help out. And at weekends we go on **excursions**, where you can discover and explore places like Berlin or Prague.



## Evening courses: “After Work“

<b>Ages</b>	16 and up
<b>Content</b>	General Language / Career oriented German
<b>Length</b>	4 - 50 weeks
<b>Dates</b>	year round
<b>Beginners</b>	See start dates on our website: <a href="http://www.sprachmobil.com">www.sprachmobil.com</a>
<b>Course Levels</b>	Beginner A1 to Advanced C2
<b>Timeplan</b>	Between 5.30 and 8.30 pm / one or two meetings weekly
<b>Lessons</b>	2 or 4 lessons (45 minutes per lesson unit hour) per week
<b>Participants</b>	Average 5 students, 9 maximum

### Course Description

If you are working or studying in Dresden and you would like to learn German on the side, or if you wish to improve your German for on the job, we recommend our German Evening Course “After Work”. You can visit this profession-g geared German course either once or twice weekly for 90 minute classes. In this course, all the general German skills and knowledge is covered, but also language skills that you will need and can use everyday at your workplace. The lesson plans emphasize communication and are practically oriented. The smaller class groups allow students more opportunities to speak and to develop skills more quickly.

### Technical Language

If you need to develop specialized language for a particular field, like economic, business, or scientific German, we highly recommend additional → private lessons.

### [DD]eutsch - A start package for Dresden’s newcomers

*First we would like to say „Willkommen“ to all „New Dresdeners“!*

If you are the kind of person who needs German foremost for practical, realistic situations, and if you are a newcomer to Dresden and you haven’t any German yet, we recommend our course „[DD]eutsch“. While learning German you’ll also have our help in dealing with bureaucratic hurdles, and save yourself some time in doing so. This course combines our German Evening „After Work“ course with an additional practical module as a private lesson. Thereby you can use your German skills for practical things like opening a bank account, finding a flat, going to the Ausländerbehörde, seeing a tax consultant or getting health insurance.

**TIP:** Of course you could rather plan for and experience an individual culture program with your instructor.

### Special programmes

We also offer: One-to-One German Courses, Business German, Teacher Training, Studienkolleg exam Preparation Courses, *Inter*Cultural Courses, Writing Workshops, German Online Courses, German & Internships, German & Dance, German in the City, German & Tennis or Horse-riding. *Enquire for further information!*

## Course Fees for German Courses at *Kästner Kolleg* in Dresden

→ enrollment fee: 25 € → 10% discount for ISIC card holders

	Standard Intensive	Summer Intensive	C1 - DSH/TestDaF preparation course 25
1 modul = 4 weeks 1 level (e.g. A1) = 8 weeks	<b>Course 25</b> x 45 min./week → September to June	<b>Course 30</b> x 45 min./week → June - September	→ year round fixed dates
1 Week	220 €	330 €	260 €
2 Weeks	400 €	630 €	380 €
3 Weeks	560 €	890 €	580 €
4 Weeks	650 €	1080 €	765 €
Extension week	145 €	245 €	-
8 week long term course	1200 €		
<b>Junior course</b>		2 weeks = 545 € extension week = 210 €	
Evening course "After Work" (12 weeks = 1 module)			380 €

### Services Included :

- Daily freetime cultural program (included in price except for entrance or transport costs)
- Tandem - language partnerships
- Test preparation (ZD, DTZ, TestDaF, DSH)
- Free internet access and school library
- Service Hotline, also on weekends
- Assistance in arranging affordable insurance
- Friendly help at any time ☺

### Transfers

from Dresden airport = 50 EUR one way, and from Berlinor Leipzig Airports = 150 EUR one way

## Accommodation Options in Dresden



We have several options for your accommodation - whether with a guest family with half or full-board, in a shared student flat together with German students, or in a private apartment. Tell us your preference and we will find *your home away from home*

## **Host family**

By living in one of our “hand picked and tested” host families you will enjoy typical German hospitality from the moment you arrive.

You will have many opportunities to practice your German + get to know German culture and lifestyle first hand. You live max. 30 min away from school and can use the communal kitchen & bathroom, laundry, TV, garden, etc. At your convenience you can order **breakfast** or **hal- board**.

## **Co-shared Student Apartment**

A room in a "WG" (shared apartment) with communal use of the kitchen and bath room is very popular amongst Germans and our students. Here you learn first hand about student life and live amongst equals. Together with two or three other (mostly German) students (àon request only women or men) you live like a typical student: „small but mine“.

### **Note:**

In a "WG" there is always something going on: this is not recommended for students who prefer a quiet lifestyle.

**Private apartment/Studio** (single, double, triple), (Youth) Hostel, Hotel, B&B also available on request.

### **Service**

Our service begins the moment you arrive in Dresden. We will pick you up from the train station or airport and take you to your accommodation.

## **Accommodation Fees for Students in German Courses in Dresden**

Double rooms, half/full board, B&B, hostel, hotel on request	Maximum price per week → discounts for long term stay
<b>Co-shared Student apartment</b> single room, self catering	85 €
<b>Host family</b> single room incl. breakfast	130 €
<b>Private Apartment / studio</b> one room*, private bath and kitchen, self catering, TV	230 €
<b>Accommodation arrangement fee</b>	50 €
*Double rooms, half & full board on request.	

## Culture Programme in Dresden



*Boring afternoons and quiet evenings?*

*...if you like it, but if not there is always a lot to do in Dresden!*

As a participant in a German course with *Kästner Kolleg*, you become part of an international family. After an intensive morning of learning German you can **relax and enjoy** leisure-time together with other students.



For example we take you on excursions to the Old Masters Art Gallery, the Pillnitz castle, or to the national park "Saxon Switzerland". We organize bike tours, game and film nights, international dinner parties and BBQs, meetings with Germans, or visits to local sights. And of course we join in Dresden`s club scene, discos, and big festivals like the open air film night at the Elbe River or the International Dixieland Festival.



**Whatever you like** ... climbing . trekking . biking . Running . Sightseeing . Ballooning . canoeing & rafting . Horseback riding . BBQ at the park . Open air cinema at the river-bank . Semper Opera . Disco . Christmas Market international lunch . cafés & galleries . swimming . volleyball . museums & art . Tennis . Trips to Berlin, Leipzig, Weimar, Prague ...

**Note:** our diverse leisure-time programme is included in the course fees.

## Stammtisch - typical German ?!

Weekly we organise interesting at the most beautiful places and in the most cosy pubs of Dresden. There you can have a relaxed conversation with native Germans and other foreign guests aver a drink.

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