IMPROVE YOUR GERMAN!

Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences offers a wide range of internationally targeted, practice-oriented degree programs and continuing education courses. German Language & Communication Department of the University Language Center is an additional education continuing program. Within the framework of an internationally-oriented exchange program, this department offers preparatory intensive German courses prior for each semester (usually 3 weeks in March = 70 teaching units and 4 weeks in September = 80 teaching units) as well as extensive courses during each semester. These courses include general and subject-specific language courses at all levels of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), supplemented by a wide range of skills-based courses: e.g. academic language skills, rhetoric and communication as well as intercultural competence.

The CEFR levels include: A1, A2, B1, B2, C1 and C2. Level A represents elementary language use (Beginners), level B stands for independent language use (Intermediate), and stage C constitutes proficient language use (Advanced).

Information about time tables/lecture rooms is available shortly before the start of each semester at the University Language Center.

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GENERAL LANGUAGE COURSES

German: Language and Communication (various levels A1 – C2 / 2.5 - 5 ECTS)
In these courses, students practice reading and listening comprehension as well as verbal and writing skills based on authentic texts and situations for all levels (A1 – C2). Texts, assignments, speech and language exercises are designed for the real life context students experience on a daily basis. The courses also provide training in grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation and spelling.

Intensive German (various levels A1 – C2 / 5 ECTS)
These courses, suitable for both Exchange and Masters’ students, offer training at all levels (A1-C2) in essential skills including: listening and reading comprehension with up-to-date texts, grammar, and speaking (fluency and pronunciation). In addition, a wide range of region-specific topics, including geography, politics, culture, and the economy are covered. The courses last for three weeks in March (five teaching units per day) and four weeks in September/October (four teaching units per day), i.e. in the weeks immediately preceding the semester.

SUBJECT-SPECIALIST LANGUAGE COURSES

German on the Job (B1 / 2.5 ECTS)
This course is designed for students looking for an internship in Germany or seeking employment in a German speaking company. The course concentrates on different situations in professional life in which verbal communication skills are essential. Students will learn about terminology and special grammatical features, and apply their knowledge through role plays.

German: Contemporary History in German Cinema (B1 – B2 / 2.5 ECTS)
Contemporary History in German Cinema offers 3 different subjects in one course! In this course students will: improve your German as a foreign language (listening and reading comprehension, writing, discussions), get to know interesting German films, and learn about key stages in German history and culture throughout the course.

Academic Language Skills (C1 / 2.5 ECTS)
Assimilation into the world of higher education is largely a question of mastering the required language and writing skills. This course offers the opportunity to learn key techniques of scientific and academic language, such as summarizing, paraphrasing, citing and quoting, and arguing. You will learn how to compose academically relevant texts such as essays, presentations, and theses; and you will become familiar with specific grammatical features of scientific and academic German. Students may participate in the open tutorial which immediately follows the workshop.

Open Tutorial (for all students)
In this open consultation hour, we analyze texts in a group setting, discuss variations in interpretation and expression, consider alternative formulations, and answer any questions regarding aspects of grammar, syntax, spelling or punctuation. We support the individual writing process through constructive feedback and by mutual exchange on key matters such as drafting, content, and organization.

Rhetoric and Communication for Higher Education (C1 / 2.5 ECTS)
Basic rhetorical and communication skills are vital for academic success. In this workshop participants will develop skills to argue their own point of view persuasively and present their case in an appropriate and effective manner. Students will gain insight into the art of debate and skilful argument. Through practical examples students become familiar with fundamental stylistic tools and figures of speech.

WISA – Very Important Skills in Academia (VISA) for International Students (B2 – C1 / 5 ECTS)
WISA (VISA) is an interdisciplinary program with the aim of helping international students to optimize the skills, qualifications, and potential they bring with them in the context of a study program at a German institute of higher education. The curriculum includes key areas such as: techniques of scientific work, scientific/academic German grammar, logic and argumentation, study skills, time management, and rhetoric and communication.

Communication in the Business Context (B2 - C1/ 2.5 ECTS)
Professionals are required to produce a broad variety of texts and communicate in a range of different situations. This seminar teaches students to deliver a clear and convincing message in oral and written communications – with customers, colleagues or supervisors. Depending on student interest, we discuss a wide range of communication, such as emails, product descriptions, and reports.