

# Information

## Language courses

Language learning is an integral part of starting a successful career. Following you will find information about language courses both organized by the RWTH Aachen University and by external language schools.

## German Courses at RWTH Aachen University

### Language Center of RWTH Aachen University (Sprachenzentrum)

The Language Center of RWTH Aachen University offers [German courses](#) and a wide range of [other language courses](#) for all students and enrolled PhD researchers. The German courses take place during the lecture periods. It is necessary to register and to take a placement test in order to guarantee a good learning result and suitable courses. Please be aware that the courses have specific [deadlines](#).

### Center for Doctoral Studies

The [Center for Doctoral Studies](#) (CDS) is the center for providing continuing education and transferable skill training opportunities for doctoral candidates.

In collaboration with the International Office, the CDS offers participation in the German Language Program courses, which are organized by the RWTH Aachen Language Center. If you would like to attend this course, please register through CDS on the page [CDS Seminars](#) (please note that this page is only available in German).

**Important:** By registering for a German course on the CDS page, you receive a "coupon" to participate in the German course for four semester week hours. However, we cannot guarantee that you will actually get a spot in your desired course, since availability depends on the course capacity for different language levels.

If you wish to take advantage of the other German courses the Language Center offers that take place more than four hours a week, please register directly with the Language Center. These offers are not part of the CDS program and thus have a fee.

## German courses at external language schools

- [Berlitz](#)
- [Inlingua](#)
- [Language Academy \(Sprachenakademie\)](#)
- [Adult Education Center \(Volkshochschule\)](#)

## More possibilities to learn German

### TANDEM Program INCAS

INCAS (Intercultural Center for the Students of Aachen) offers a [TANDEM program](#). It is a cultural initiative where you have the possibility to practice a foreign language with a conversation partner. It entirely depends on you how you plan out your meetings. You can either do some grammar or you can simply discuss films, books or your last weekend. At the same time you will be able to broaden your cultural horizon and to get in touch with interesting people.

### Integration Courses

In order to be able to participate in a German course for integration you need to have a permit. Whether this permit can be issued for you is verified by the [Immigration Office](#) at Aachen Main Railway Station in case you are a third-country national with a residence permit. The verification is made on a case-by-case basis. Families with children required to attend school are more likely to get approval, especially if they have planned to stay for a longer period of time (for PhD Studies).

EU citizens have to directly check with the providers of the integration courses (for example [Sprachenakademie](#), [Volkshochschule](#), Caritas etc.) whether participation is possible. They will then directly file an application to the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (German: BAMF).

For more detailed information we recommend the [Bildungserstberatung für Migranten](#) (education consultation for migrants). On their website, they provide a list of course providers and their service hours.