

German Courses for international students in English speaking degree programs

We are pleased that you have chosen an English-language degree program at our university. A basic command of German, however, will definitely be very helpful during the course of your stay in Germany. Maybe you have already started to learn some German in your home country.

In the upcoming summer term of 2022, we will offer three German language courses at the A1, A2, and B1 levels that you are very welcome to join. The exact level will depend on the prior language knowledge of the participants. Due to the ongoing pandemic and the fact that many international students may not have been able to arrive on campus, these courses will still be taught in the distant teaching mode. Once we know that you are interested in participating in a German course, you will receive an email with the invitation link.

The A1 course is intended for international students who have no or almost no knowledge of German, i.e. for (absolute) beginners. In the summer semester, however, the A1 course is NOT intended for absolute language beginners, but requires some basic knowledge from A1.1 as a continuation of the course from the winter semester. The A2 and B level courses are suitable for students with some profound knowledge of German already. The aim of the courses is to facilitate your linguistic, cultural and social integration at the university and in everyday situations in Germany. The textbook used (*DaF kompakt neu*, Klett Publishing House, digital version) is especially suitable for students who want to gain language skills in the areas of study and work combined with the acquisition of cultural and regional knowledge about Germany.

All students will be asked to take an online placement test before the course starts. This is of course not necessary if you are starting in the winter semester and have no knowledge of German at all. Students are placed in the appropriate course according to their test results. Whenever possible, you should use the placement test that is included in our free online course offerings for foreign languages including German (Speexx): <https://www.th-owl.de/fremdsprachen/online-kurse/benutzeranleitung/>. A complete online course of German as a foreign language (A1 to B2) is available, which you can use at any time. You need to create your user account at the TH OWL and register in the ECampus (ILIAS) with the password assigned to you. You can change the password later. Please inform me about your placement test result (as screenshot or in the text of your mail).

For the dates of our distant teaching course, please have a look at the webpage of IO: <https://www.th-owl.de/international/studieren-an-der-th-owl/deutschkurse/>

If you are NEW to TH OWL, please fill in the questionnaire on the following page. You can simply write into this template and then save it and return the document to: siegbert.klee@th-owl.de

If you already participated in a German course in the previous semester, you do NOT need to do so again.

<i>Requested Information / Gewünschte Informationen</i>	<i>Your Answers / Ihre Antworten</i>
Family name / Familienname	
First Name / Vorname	
Sex (male, female, diverse) / Geschlecht (männlich, weiblich, divers)	
Date of birth / Geburtsdatum (dd.mm.yyyy)	
Country of birth / Heimatland	
Current residence / Wohnort	
Degree program / Studiengang at the TH OWL	
Knowledge of German / Deutschkenntnisse (Level A1, A2, B1 etc.)	
German Language Test / Deutschtest (Yes/Ja, Name of Test – No/Nein)	
Time Lag with Germany / Zeitunterschied mit Deutschland (if any / wenn vorhanden)	
TH OWL Student e-Mail Address / Adresse	
Special interest in German & Germany / Besonderes Interesse an Deutsch & Deutschland	
<i>Other topics? / Andere Themen?</i>	

If you have further questions, comments etc., please let me and my colleagues know. We look forward to hearing from you! Have a safe journey and stay healthy!

Alles Gute und viele Grüße!

Siegbert Klee