



German Language Courses since 1986

Two-Week Training Course for Teachers of German: Methodology & Language

Regensburg

Regensburg (UNESCO World Heritage, 150,000 inhabitants, 25,000 students), one of the most beautiful, liveliest and fastest growing cities in Germany, lies on the river Danube, at its northernmost point, close to the Bavarian forest.

Regensburg, the largest medieval city in Germany, hosts a large number of street festivals and other cultural events every year. Old and young alike gather in the cosy and friendly city centre.

It takes just an hour to get here from the Munich airport.

Horizonte

Our school lies right in the middle of the historical city centre. We offer our students

- a personal atmosphere
- qualified, experienced and committed teachers
- a communication-oriented, effective and state-of-the-art teaching methodology
- varied leisure time activities
- free internet access
- a library

Accommodation

We suggest our self-catering dorm next door to the school (38 single and twin rooms).

Please apply as early as possible, because it is often fully booked months in advance.

You can also choose homestay with breakfast or half-board.

Due to the often late confirmations of the National Agencies, we cannot always guarantee your favourite type of accommodation.

TEACHER TRAINING COURSE: Methodology and Language

2 weeks, 30 lessons (45 minutes each) per week

Required level of German

minimum **B2**

Preparation

The participants will get useful pre-course information.

Follow-up

Participants will be asked to hand in a detailed commentary on the course, including how the course will impact on the professional development in their own country.

Objectives

- to refresh the oral and listening German skills
- to update one's knowledge in current German affairs
- to enlarge one's skills in methodology and didactics in teaching German to learners from about 14 years of age
- to be able to apply a modern, communication-oriented teaching methodology
- to benefit from the exchange and sharing of best practice with colleagues

We expect the participants to actively contribute to the lessons. We would be pleased to discuss their ideas, teaching materials, projects, etc. You should not expect to get ready-mades for your teaching practice.

Sample Timetable

- **Linguistic skills:** Monday to Friday 09.00 to 10.30 & 11.00 to 12.30, 20 lessons (45 min each) per week in international groups (not guaranteed); Training of oral and listening skills, idiomatic matters, error correction, working with current authentic texts
- **Methodology & Didactics:** Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri from 13.30: a total of 10 weekly lessons in 4 units (450 minutes); Methodology of communication-oriented teaching: teaching grammar, working with pictures, films, texts and songs, German culture, youth and street speech

Additional Programme (open for all HORIZONTE students)

After 15.30: talks on current political and cultural topics, guided city tours, cultural activities (films, cooking, etc.) On Wednesday afternoons excursions or visits of museums, companies etc. and every other Saturday excursions to other Bavarian cities.

Grants

All our teacher refresher courses are eligible for Erasmus+ funding
http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.htm

Sample programme: Training Course for Teachers of German (30 lessons per week*)

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
09.00 - 10.30	General Language Course**	General Language Course	General Language Course	General Language Course	General Language Course	Every other Saturday: excursions to places like München, Nürnberg, Bamberg, Passau
10.30 - 11.00	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	
11.00 - 12.30	General Language Course	General Language Course	General Language Course	General Language Course	General Language Course	
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch Break					
1st week 13.30 - 15.30 (on Friday until 15.00)	German School System	Phonetics	Afternoon excursions e.g.: Walhalla or Weltenburg (in summer), visits to museums, companies, local breweries; visit to the cathedral; bowling, ...	Civilisation & Culture	Youth & Street Speech	
2nd week 13.30 - 15.30 (on Friday until 15.00)	Modern Grammar Teaching	German Products		Creative Writing	Last Day: Concluding Meeting, Debriefing	
Leisure time activities for all Horizonte students after 15.30, or in the evening	Guided city tour; Meeting in a pub	“Typical mistakes” or “Bavarian for Beginners”; Regensburg Quiz		German history after 1945; Showing of films		

*In case there is only one teacher for a course he/she will get 225 minutes of individual afternoon lessons per week plus the opportunity to take part in the additional activities of the leisure time programme.

**Standard German Language course: Main goal is the training of speaking and listening skills. The content varies and depends on the interests and needs of the participants, such as current political or cultural topics, grammar, slang, idioms, listening comprehension, etc.