

Dates and Prices

2024



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German Courses duration: 1– 52 weeks

Course Prices 2024 (without accommodation)	1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks	5 weeks	6 weeks	7 weeks	8 weeks	Additional week	Additional 4 weeks
Intensive Course Morning 25 lessons per week	189 €	378 €	567 €	655 €	844 €	1,033 €	1,222 €	1,310 €	189 €	655 €
Intensive Course Afternoon 25 lessons per week	170 €	340 €	510 €	595 €	765 €	935 €	1,105 €	1,190 €	170 €	595 €
Intensive Course PLUS (incl. private lessons colloquial German) 30 lessons per week	419 €	838 €	1,257 €	1,575 €	1,994 €	2,413 €	2,832 €	3,150 €	419 €	1.575 €
Intensive Course PLUS (incl. private lessons technical German) 30 lessons per week	464 €	928 €	1,392 €	1,755 €	2,219 €	2,683 €	3,147 €	3,510 €	464 €	1.755 €
Standard Course 15 lessons per week	130 €	260 €	390 €	455 €	585 €	715 €	845 €	910 €	130 €	455 €
Semi-Intensive Course 10 lessons per week	85 €	170 €	255 €	295 €	380 €	465 €	550 €	590 €	85 €	295 €

1 lesson = 45 minutes; group courses have 5-12 temporarily up to 14 participants / class!

Included in the course price:

- ▶ Placement test prior to arrival
- ▶ Colón certificate of attendance and a Colón
- ▶ Telc preparation
- ▶ Free Wifi in the school buildings

Not included in the course prices:

- ▶ Teaching Material (approx. € 25.- per 4 weeks)
- ▶ Telc examinations
- ▶ Transport and entrance fees leisure program

Starting dates for beginners / Telc examinations / Public Holidays												
Starting date for students with prior knowledge in German: every Monday												
2024	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Starting Dates (for beginners)	02.01.	05.02.	04.03.	02.04.	06.05.	03.06.	01.07. 15.07.	05.08. 19.08.	02.09.	30.09.	04.11.	02.12.
Telc examination (A1-C1 / C1 Hochschule)	04.01. 18.01.	01.02. 15.02. 29.02.	14.03. 28.03.	11.04. 25.04.	08.05. 23.05.	06.06. 20.06.	04.07. 18.07.	01.08. 15.08. 29.08.	12.09. 26.09.	10.10. 24.10.	07.11. 21.11.	05.12. 19.12.
Public Holidays (the school is closed between Christmas and New Year).	01.01.		29.03.	01.04.	01.05. 09.05. 20.05.					03.10. 31.10.		25.12. 26.12.

Accommodation Prices 2024	1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks	5 weeks	6 weeks	7 weeks	8 weeks	Additional week	Additional 4 weeks
Homestay (single room) - Self-catering - Breakfast only - Halfboard	260 € 330 € 430 €	520 € 660 € 860 €	780 € 990 € 1,290 €	1,040 € 1,320 € 1,720 €	1,300 € 1,650 € 2,150 €	1,560 € 1,980 € 2,580 €	1,820 € 2,310 € 3,010 €	2,080 € 2,640 € 3,440 €	260 € 330 € 430 €	1,040 € 1,320 € 1,720 €
Shared Apartment (single room)	-	-	-	800 €	1,000 €	1,200 €	1,400 €	1,600 €	200 €	800 €
Residence - Single room - Double room - Triple room	- - -	- - -	- - -	1,000 € 900 € 820 €	1,250 € 1,125 € 1,025 €	1,500 € 1,350 € 1,230 €	1,750 € 1,575 € 1,435 €	2,000 € 1,800 € 1,640 €	250 € 225 € 205 €	1,000 € 900 € 820 €
Studio Apartment	-	-	-	980 €	-	-	-	1,960 €	-	980 €

Included in the accommodation prices:

- ▶ Organisation of accommodation

Not included in the accommodation prices:

- ▶ Airport Transfer: 150 € (one way)
- ▶ Public transport: 49 € per month

Levels & exams

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LEVELS & PLACEMENT TEST

Colón follows the 'Common European Framework' of the 'European Commission for language learning' with 6 levels from beginners to advanced:

A1: Basic level 1

A2: Basic level 2

B1: Intermediate level 1

B2: Intermediate level 2

C1: Advanced level 1

C2: Advanced level 2

PLACEMENT TEST

Students receive a link to the online placement test in advance. This allows us to do a pre-placement in the classes, which enables purposeful and effective learning without loss of time.

You can find the placement test on: www.colon.de



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CERTIFICATES & TELC EXAMS

Each level ends with a final Colón test (included in the course price). On request we can issue a Colón certificate for your level. Colón certificates may be presented as proof of German language skills for the preparatory course (Studienkolleg) at German universities (level B2).

Colón is an official TELC testing center and offers the following internationally recognized TELC exams: A1-C2. TELC Language Certificates document your language skills in listening, reading, speaking and writing: for training, study and work.

TEL Exam 'Start Deutsch A1': Do you need proof of "basic German language skills" because you want to apply for a visa with the purpose of immigration of spouses (Ehegattennachzug)? The German embassies recognize the certificate TELC German A1.

TEL Exam 'Start Deutsch A2': You can interact in a simple way in everyday situations, hold short conversations and use simple sentence structures correctly.

TEL Exam 'Zertifikat Deutsch B1': For naturalization in Germany, the German B1 certificate is recognized as proof of sufficient language skills.

TEL Exam 'Zertifikat Deutsch Plus B2': You can express yourself in detail, argue and negotiate successfully. In your own field and in the most common topics you have a large vocabulary. You master the grammar quite well.

TEL Exam 'Deutsch C1': You can express yourself fluently and spontaneously. You are familiar with colloquialisms and can vary the style of language specifically. You maintain a high degree of grammatical accuracy.



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Terms of registration

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Jurisdiction

The following Terms and Conditions apply to all contractual relationships between Colón Language Center GmbH & Co KG and the Colón Kommunikations- und Mediengesellschaft für Fremdsprachen mbH (hereinafter referred to as Colón) and the agent who engages the services of Colón.

Registration

(1) Course offerings and quotations on the internet site as well as those in the current brochures are firm. Registrations (bookings) can be effected either personally or by email or through the Colón Onlineshop and become binding with your registration. The contract becomes valid when the registration or booking has been confirmed by Colón. These Terms and Conditions apply to all registration forms.

(2) When you register your client, you expressly agree to Colón initiating contract fulfilment as soon as the contract has been concluded and before any withdrawal periods expire.

Registration Confirmation

(1) Colón will check availability and send you a confirmation of your booking with information regarding terms of payment and inform you whether a down payment (payment in advance) is necessary.

(2) Agents from European countries (EU) do not have to make a down payment. Agents from all other countries are required to make a down payment in order to book a German course. The down payment includes 50% of the course fees for the first month or 50 % of the entire course price if attendance is less than one month. The maximum amount of the down payment for courses is € 300.00. When booking courses which include accommodation there will be an additional down payment of € 80.00.

Upon receipt of the down payment you will receive a binding confirmation of registration.

(3) If you fail to provide a down payment within the period designated in the terms of payment, Colón will have the right to withdraw from the contract and to give your client's accommodation and/or place in the course to another participant.

(4) Language School Visa: Registering for a language course at Colón can, in connection with the fulfilment of other conditions, enable your client to obtain a visa for attending a language course booked at Colón Language Center. Further requirements could include proving that your client has sufficient financial resources, health insurance cover, accommodation and the like. Colón provides no guarantee that your client will receive a language school visa from German authorities either in Germany or outside Germany.

Prices and Terms of Payment

(1) Prices apply as shown in our price lists on the day of booking.

(2) Your registration obliges you to pay for the course (and if applicable accommodation) fees prior to the first day of the course/accommodation or after receipt of a bill.

(3) Payment can be effected by bank transfer or international bank transfer. Please make sure to enter the relevant invoice number when effecting payment. On site in Hamburg, payments can also be made by EC card, credit card or in cash.

General

(1) An hour of instruction is defined as being 45 minutes long.

(2) Colón Language Center cannot be held liable for any failure to reach a certain level of language ability. Guidelines made by Colón with respect to the length of instruction required to reach a certain level of language competence are based on years of experience and can deviate from the actual length of instruction necessary to achieve a certain level.

(3) In the case of cancellation of instruction hours, Colón offers substitution or alternative hours for those cancelled. If this is not possible in certain individual cases, Colón is obligated not only to notify the agent immediately of the cancellation but also to reimburse any course fees that were paid in advance for instruction hours not given after the completion of a given course period.

Corona: If Colón is closed due to official order course continuation will be provided online. This also applies to face-to-face classes, which are temporarily continued online for prevention reasons due to suspected or confirmed cases of a SARS-CoV-2 infection. Should the course continue online, the student is not entitled to withdraw from the course offer.

(4) Colón is not obligated to start a course if there are too few registrants. School management reserves the right to cancel any course which has fewer than the minimum number of registered participants or to combine the course with another one or to transfer participants to another course.

(5) Participants do not have the right to demand one particular instructor to teach their course. Changing the instructor in a particular course can be an element of the Colón method and does not entitle the participants to terminate or rescind their contract.

(6) Organizational arrangements can only be made with the personnel in the Colón office and not with the teachers.

(7) Any change of residence is to be reported without delay to the Colón office.

(8) Books and other learning material is generally not included in the course prices.

Course Length, Course Renewal and Public Holidays

(1) Your registration is valid for the time period indicated when you book.

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(2) The actual attendance of your client (or non-attendance) in the course has no bearing on your obligation to pay the course fees. The course fees agreed to in the registration must be paid regardless of any interruptions (breaks) or absences of your client.

(3) There will be no compensation for course hours your client has missed or those caused by circumstances beyond the control of the school. This applies especially to public holidays, public events, works council meetings and 24 December and 31 December. The school will be closed between 24 and 31 December. For this period (which does not include public holidays, 24 December or 31 December) course fees will be refunded or deducted from your bill.

Contract Withdrawal, Cancellation (of Courses / Accommodation) and Course Postponement

(1) Contract withdrawal or cancellation must be effected by written declaration. The date the written cancellation is received will apply.

(2) If a course participant provides no substitute participant who can assume the participant's contract, the following conditions for cancellation (of a German course) will apply: in any case of course cancellation we will charge the amount of the down payment as an administrative fee. (The down payment includes 50% of the course fees for the first month or 50% of the entire course price if attendance is less than one month. The maximum amount is € 300.00.)

Once the course has begun, cancellation is no longer possible and course fees will not be refunded.

(3) Cancellation of reserved accommodation is only possible by notifying us in writing. As long as your client provides no substitute participant who assumes the booked accommodation, the down payment of € 80.00 will be retained as a processing fee if you cancel at any time up to your client's arrival day. Cancellation of the accommodation after the arrival day, contract withdrawal is no longer possible and any fees paid for accommodation will not be refunded.

(4) Course Postponement: If your client must postpone his course start to a later date or if she/he does not receive a visa in time for the start of the course she/he planned to attend, please inform us in writing in advance. Any change to your client's booking (i.e. course postponement) will cost €80.00. Once the course has started, a postponement is no longer possible. Credit vouchers are valid for one year and cannot be transferred or refunded.

Individual Instruction/Private Lessons

(1) Course fees are to be paid before lessons begin.

(2) Lessons are to be taken within one year from the beginning of the course.

(3) There will be no refund for any lessons not taken by your client.

(4) If your client is unable to attend a lesson, it can be postponed or cancelled if your client notifies the Colón office by 4 pm on the workday before the planned lesson. For a lesson planned on a Monday, cancellation must be made at the latest by 1 pm the previous Friday and prior to public holidays also by 1 pm. Your client must notify the Colón Office (info@colon.de) of the cancellation, not the teacher.

Language Examinations

(1) The examination registration is binding and payment must be made when registering.

(2) If your client does not show up for the exam, the examination fees will not be refunded. It is possible, however, to provide a substitute examinee at latest one day before the exam by providing a written explanation.

(3) In case of illness a doctor's attestation must be provided to Colón within three days after the exam. The examination fees less a €60.00 processing fee will be credited to your client.

(4) For telc examinations the telc terms and conditions apply. Please note: the corrections of telc examinations usually take approx. 4-6 weeks. We will contact you as soon as the test results are available.

Accommodation and Transfer

(1) The reservation of the accommodation/transfer is effected in the name of your client. The costs for the accommodation/transfer are to be paid in advance.

(2) Participants must pay for any damage they may do to anything in their place of accommodation.

(3) Participants are obligated to observe the house rules valid at their accommodation.

Insurance Cover

We recommend that your client obtain the following insurance cover for the stay in Germany: health and accident insurance and personal liability insurance. If your client has health insurance in your own country, please enquire if it also covers your client in Germany. If your client has no health insurance, we recommend obtaining insurance from HanseMerkur Reiseversicherung AG (HanseMerkur Reiseversicherung AG, Neue Rabenstr. 28, 20354 Hamburg). See our website www.colon.de for the corresponding link (www.colon.de/versicherung.html). For further information contact HanseMerkur Reiseversicherung AG direct: Tel: +49-(0)-40-4119-1100.

Exclusion of Liability/Disclaimer

(1) In the case of illnesses, accidents and other losses, i.e. theft or damage to participants property during school activities, Colón (or your accommodation) can be held liable only in the case of gross negligence or of clearly attributable intent.

(2) Neither Colón nor your accommodation can be held liable for any accidents or other damage occurring whilst participants are on the way to or from any school activities.

(3) While present at the school, participants under 18 years of age are under the supervision of Colón instructors and if booked, of their host family. Minors can, for limited time periods, be left unsupervised; for example during breaks, after their lessons, when their host parents are still at work and when they are on their way to or from school. They may also travel alone by public transport to and from school. House rules at the school and at the host families are to be observed. In Germany the youth protection laws apply to all youths under the age of 18. <https://www.bmfsfj.de/bmfsfj/service/publikationen/jugendschutz---verstaendlich-erklaert/86302?view=DEFAULT>.

(4) In the case of any violations committed by youths against the youth protection laws or house rules, Colón reserves the right to expel the offender immediately from the accommodation and the school. In this case there will be no refunds for any missed lessons, no refunds of accommodation costs or exceptional travel costs. Parents registering participants under the age of 18 expressly agree that neither Colón nor the host families take responsibility for the supervision of minors.

House Rules

(1) We request that participants look after their belongings and valuables as neither the school nor the host families can be held liable for lost or stolen items.

(2) Smoking and the consumption of alcoholic beverages are not allowed on our premises. Participants are obligated to handle the devices, furniture and facilities with care and to observe the house rules and fire protection codes of the school and host families – as well as the smoking prohibitions.

(3) Colón is entitled to ban immediately from the school premises anyone who violates the house rules. In such a case there will be no refunds of any fees.

(4) Colón will not tolerate any insults or discriminatory remarks towards teaching or office staff or any other course participants or visitors to our premises. Any violations will likewise result in an immediate ban from the premises.

Termination of contract due to improper conduct

(1) Colón can terminate a contract without further notice when a course participant continues to display disruptive behavior despite having received previous warnings from the school or if the participant acts contrary to the terms of the contract to such an extent that immediate termination is justified. Termination is certainly possible especially in the case that the participant violates rules that they are aware of, for example those pertaining to the use of alcohol, drugs or weapons or the house rules of the host family or school.

(2) Termination of contract is normally preceded by a warning unless the infraction is so serious that immediate termination of the contract is warranted to ensure the interests and safety of others. This applies especially in the case where the participant poses a considerable risk or threat to himself or to other course participants.

(3) Should Colón terminate a contract, it reserves the right to retain all course/accommodation fees as per the registration. Any refunds for any unused services will be made on a voluntary basis.

Privacy and Data Protection

Participants agree that their personal data will be stored by Colón Language Center (Colón Fremdsprachen-Institut GmbH & Co KG) and the Mediengesellschaft für Fremdsprachen mbH (which together comprise an organizational unit) for internal administrative purposes and course planning. The entire Data Protection Declaration can be found at www.colon.de7datenschutzerklaerung/.

Final Provisions

(1) Any changes or additions to a contract must be made in text form.

(2) Colón Language Center is an educational institution certified by 'Weiterbildung Hamburg e.V.' (registered Organization for Continuing Education Hamburg). Through regular auditing and ongoing refinement, 'Weiterbildung Hamburg e.V.' ensures Colón's quality standards.

(3) **Protection Service for participants available through 'Weiterbildung Hamburg e.V.'** By displaying its certification seal, Weiterbildung Hamburg guarantees a protection service for course participants. Should discrepancies arise between the educational facility and the course participant, conflict moderation will be provided for at no cost.

(4) In the case of disputes arising from differing interpretations of any provision in a translated version of the General Terms and Conditions, the German version of the Terms and Conditions will apply.

(5) The lessons agreed on serve to provide vocational training or to duly prepare a legal person under public law for an examination.

(6) Place of performance and jurisdiction is Hamburg, Germany.