

German as a Second Language

Do you want to systematically and efficiently learn German and improve your German language skills? As a cantonal training school, EB Zurich has long-time experience in language teaching and is happy to accommodate your specific needs.

The following pages contain all the information you need to successfully attend a course, including

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Information – Just get in touch with us

- **In your language:** We speak German, English, French, Italian, Spanish and Albanian.
- **By telephone on 0842 843 844:** We will help you select the right course.
- **Personal consultation:** Our course administrators are happy to give you advice in person – including advice on the placement test – so just drop by.
 Opening hours: Monday to Friday 08:00 – 20:00 and Saturday 9:00 – 15:00
 Address: Riesbachstrasse 11, 8008 Zurich (7 minutes from the Stadelhofen railway station)
 Trams 2 or 4 to the “Feldeggstrasse” stop
 Our location: <http://g.co/maps/easme>

1. Course types and starting dates

Course type	Level	Start	Duration	Frequency	Price CHF
Standard	A1–A2, C1	Feb/May/ Aug/Oct	1 semester	1× per week (evening)	530.–
Intensive	A1–A2	Feb/May/ Aug/Oct	1 semester	3× per week (evening)	1'500.–
Day Intensive	A1–B2	every 4 weeks, ongoing	4 weeks	Monday–Friday (morning or afternoon)	780.–
Day Intensive	C1	every 4 weeks, ongoing	4 weeks	3× per week (morning or afternoon)	on request
Diploma Standard	B1–C2	May/Oct	1 semester	1× per week (evening)	630.–
Diploma Intensive	B1–B2	May/Oct	1 semester	3× per week (evening)	1'560.–
Examination Preparation	B1–C2	Spring/Autumn	2 months	1× per week (afternoon or evening)	from 263.–

You can select from three types of courses, each of which has a different structure. This allows you to reach your goals individually and at the pace you desire.

[German Standard](#)

These courses take place once per week and last one semester. The content of one course level is spread over two or three semesters (Example: [German Standard 1/3](#) to [German Standard 3/3](#)).

[German Intensive](#)

These courses take place three times per week and last one semester. The content of one course level is spread over one semester. (Example: [German Intensive 1/1](#)).

[German Day Intensive](#)

These courses take place in the morning or afternoon and last four weeks (= 1 module). The content of a course level is spread over three modules (Example: [German Day Intensive 1/3](#) to [German Day Intensive 3/3](#)).

2. Course levels

The levels of German language courses are geared to the European Language Portfolio (ELP). This is divided into six different ability levels from A1 to C2 and is recognised worldwide.

At the end of a course you will have reached the level specified in the course title.

Examples: After completing the course German A2 Intensive 1/1, you obtain Level A2; after completing the course German Day Intensive A2 3/3, you obtain Level A2.

link to language level:

- [Language level A1](#) (Website)
- [Language level A2](#) (Website)
- [Language level B1](#) (Website)
- [Language level B2](#) (Website)
- [Language level C1](#) (Website)
- [Language level C2](#) (Website)

3. Placement

When you take our language test, you can figure out what your current language level is yourself. Simply take our online language test online or in person at EB Zurich. If you have any questions, stop by and we will be happy to help you.

link to language tests:

- [Placement Test Deutsch A1](#) (PDF)
- [Placement Test Deutsch A2](#) (PDF)
- [Placement Test Deutsch B1](#) (PDF)
- [Placement Test telc Deutsch B2](#) (PDF)
- [Placement Test Goethe Zertifikat C1/C2](#) (PDF)

4. German language diplomas

These recognised diplomas provide official proof of your German language skills. EB Zurich is a telc examination centre and will prepare you for the following certifications:

- Start Deutsch 1 Start Deutsch 2
- Zertifikat Deutsch (ZD) B1
- telc Deutsch B2
- Goethe-Zertifikat C1
- Goethe-Zertifikat C2

The examinations for level C1 and C2 are taken externally.

- [Overview of diploma courses](#) (Website)
- [Examination dates 2011](#) (PDF)

5. FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions

What courses are there?

EB Zurich primarily offers three types of courses: Standard, Intensive and Day Intensive.

We also offer special courses: e.g. spelling courses, learning support courses for foreign-language apprentices, writing and conversation courses, pronunciation courses, et al.

What course levels are there?

You can choose courses from six different course levels ranging from A1 to C2. These levels correspond to the European Language Portfolio (ELP) and are internationally recognised.

How do I find out the right course level for me?

Our placement test helps you to determine your current course level. You can take the test easily online on the EB Zurich website or at our language school at Riesbachstrasse 11, 8008 Zurich.

Which official qualifications can I prepare myself for at EB Zurich?

The courses at EB Zurich prepare you for all official German language certifications:

- Start Deutsch 1
- Start Deutsch 2

- Zertifikat Deutsch (ZD) B1
- telc Deutsch B2
- Goethe-Zertifikat C1
- Goethe-Zertifikat C2

When and where do the German language diploma examinations take place?

EB Zurich is a telc examination centre and hosts examinations for grades A1 up to and including B2.

Examinations for Goethe-Zertifikat C1 and C2 are taken externally.

[The examination dates can be found on our website](#) (PDF).

How and where can I find out information?

On our website www.eb-zuerich.ch you will find all information relating to the German language courses we offer. We recommend people with little or no knowledge of the language to seek advice from our course administrators at Riesbachstrasse 11, 8008 Zurich, telephone 0842 843 844, lernen@eb-zuerich.ch.

How do I sign up for a course?

You can sign up online on our website www.eb-zuerich.ch or in person with our course administrators: Riesbachstrasse 11, 8008 Zurich.

How many people take part in one course?

The maximum number of participants is 14.

How long does one lesson last?

One lesson lasts 45 minutes.

Which teaching materials are used in the courses?

The following textbooks are used depending on the course and level: Deutsch im Alltag, Deutsch in der Schweiz, Tangram, em Brückenkurs neu, em Hauptkurs neu, Mit Erfolg zum Zertifikat Deutsch, Testbuch and Mit Erfolg zu telc Deutsch 2, Testbuch. Teaching materials are not included in the course fee.

Where do the courses take place?

EB Zurich provides German language courses at three different locations in the city of Zurich:

- [Bildungszentrum für Erwachsene BiZE](#) (PDF): Riesbachstrasse 11, 8008 Zurich (near the Stadelhofen railway station)
- [Schulhaus Altstetten](#) (PDF): Max-Högger-Strasse 2, 8048 Zurich (near the Altstetten railway station)
- [Technopark](#) (PDF) Haus Darwin: Technoparkstrasse, 8005 Zurich (near the Hardbrücke)