



ALPHA AKTIV

PRIVATES BILDUNGSINSTITUT

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LANGUAGE ACADEMY



Hauptstr. 90, 69117 Heidelberg, Deutschland

THE SCHOOL



Alpha Aktiv Privates Bildungsinstitut, situated in the centre of Heidelberg, is located near several bus routes. A comfortable 1-minute walk takes you to the city centre, the Hauptstrasse and its side streets, where numerous cafes, galleries and our school are found. The atmosphere in the school is international, friendly, open and personal. The staff speaks English, Spanish, French and, of course, German.

Our School is recognised and approved by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Tourism.

The teachers are all highly qualified and experienced in teaching German as a foreign language. Our teaching methods and materials are regularly updated, ensuring that our students receive the education and training they deserve.

Alpha Aktiv has welcomed a number of students from all over the world. We are able to adjust each student's study vacation to his/her desires and personal needs.

Alpha Aktiv is experienced in organizing study vacations for individuals as well as groups. We are able to organise package study holidays for large and small groups of students of any age.

CERTIFICATES

At the end of every course, students are given a certificate of attendance, indicating the obtained level and the number of study hours completed.

SCHOOL POLICY

The school does not accept any unaccompanied children under 16 years of age.

LOCATION OF THE SCHOOL



Heidelberg's popularity and attractiveness depends on 3 pillars: its location, castle and university. Situated in the valley of Neckar river, the beautiful old town with its unforgettable sights and narrow, picturesque paths, is easily accessible on foot.

The main street, brimming with life, is ideal for all sorts of shopping or casual and relaxing walk. For this reason, in this pedestrian area there are no public transport or cars allowed to disturb the unique experience.

Heidelberg has always been known for its focus on education: Germany's first university has been founded here.





On arrival at the school, all students are given an initial placement test aimed at determining each student's knowledge of German. According to the obtained result, which serves as a guideline, students are given a personalised study plan, focused on helping them acquire and improve the essential skills, namely: listening, speaking with the correct pronunciation, reading and writing.

All courses are offered at 3 different levels:

- Basic level 1&2
- Intermediate 1&2
- Advanced
- DSH course (specifically oriented course/training preparing for the university test)

Our school offers a wide range of courses tailored to suit students of all ages and cultures. Students may opt to undertake a class with other students, thus benefiting from the possibility of learning from fellow students. Or they may choose a course where they are alone with the teacher, thus gaining complete and undivided attention.

Through our experience, we have drafted a few combinations of courses, which may be of interest to you. Should you wish to opt for some other combination, such possibility may be looked into and the details may be discussed.

Since providing individual attention is our aim, we favour small groups of students (no more than 10 in each class).

OUR METHOD



Our method is simple and convincing. It is based on the experience gained from teaching German as a foreign language:

- highly qualified and committed teachers whose priority lies in the learners' interests
- academically based, appealing material
- a relaxed and cheerful working atmosphere with plenty of practical exercises
- natural communication in German right from the first lesson
- helpful explanations and motivating tasks for the learners
- small classes with an average of 5-10 students
- many different course levels and a careful assessment of the learners' present knowledge
- weekly achievement tests and individual feedback
- an open-minded headmaster catering for the needs and suggestions of the clients



OPTION ONE: Intensive course

(20 lessons a week)



The Course is based on the well-known course book “Stufen International” created by the professors of Heidelberg University. The above mentioned materials have been acknowledged and also used by the Goethe Institut, which is world-wide known.

This course focuses on various aspects of German, including the following:

- (a) Vocabulary, initially based on the minimum requirements enabling a person to get along in a German-speaking environment;
- (b) Grammar, including the most commonly used verbs and expressions;
- (c) Pronunciation and spelling;
- (d) Descriptive composition enabling the student to give - orally or in writing - a description of himself/herself, his course, his family members, his job etc.
- (e) Writing short compositions/letters.

The success of any course depends on two major factors: the teachers ability and experience as well as the students response and diligence.

One has to keep in mind that a language cannot be learned in a day or in a week, but great progress can be - and has been - achieved in a relatively short time, if a student diligently and willingly responds to the teachers prompting, and devotes some time to the revision of the presented learning material every day.

Time-table:

09.00 - 09.45: Lesson
09.45 - 10.30: Lesson 2
10.30 - 10.45: Break
10.45 - 11.30: Lesson 3
11.30 - 12.15: Lesson 4

Lessons take place from Monday to Friday
Maximum of ten students in a class and a minimum of four.



OPTION TWO: SUPERINTENSIVE COURSE

(30 Lessons a week)

This course enables students to attend the General German course in the morning, and to improve their conversation and speech through extra conversation lessons in the afternoon (10 extra conversation lessons per week). Through the discussions, dialogues and conversations that students hold with the teacher and other fellow students, they are able to concentrate on and improve their pronunciation and speaking skills in German.

Time-table:

09:00 - 09:45: Lesson 1
09:45 - 10:30: Lesson 2
10:30 - 10:45: Break
10:45 - 11:30: Lesson 3
11:30 - 12:15: Lesson 4
12:15 - 13:00: Break
13:00 - 13:45: Lesson 5
13:45 - 14:30: Lesson 6

Lessons take place from Monday to Friday.

OPTION THREE: DSH COURSE

(20 Lessons a week)



This course is specially designed for students who plan to study at a German University and need to pass an examination in German (called DSH). The course includes intensive training of different parts of the exam: reading skills, listening comprehension, writing an essay on a particular topic, description of graphics, work with certain grammar structures, as well as preparation for the oral part of the exam. Students who wish to apply for this course should have a good command of German (at least upper intermediate).

The course takes place either in the morning or in the afternoon.

Time-table 1:

09:00 - 09:45: Lesson 1
09:45 - 10:30: Lesson 2
10:30 - 10:45: Break
10:45 - 11:30: Lesson 3
11:30 - 12:15: Lesson 4

Time table 2:

13:00 - 13:45: Lesson 1
13:45 - 14:30: Lesson 2
14:30 - 14:45: Break
14:45 - 15:30: Lesson 3
15:30 - 16:15: Lesson 4

