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Language course/short course



DSH Course+
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Overview

Course location	Potsdam
In cooperation with	University of Applied Science Potsdam University of Applied Science Brandenburg
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">German
Language level of course	<ul style="list-style-type: none">German: B2, C1, C2
Date(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">7 April - 18 July 2025 (Registration deadline of course provider: 15 January 2025)13 October 2025 - 6 February 2026 (Registration deadline of course provider: 15 July 2025)
Mode of study	Less than 50% online
Phase(s) of attendance in Germany (applies to the entire course)	Yes, compulsory
Pace of course	Instructor-led (Specific due dates for lectures/assignments/exams)
Information on dates, prices and mode of study	Course fee: 400 EUR Exam fee: 160 EUR Semester fee : 116 EUR
Target group	For prospective students of the University of Potsdam, University of Applied Sciences Potsdam and the University of Applied Sciences Brandenburg with a direct university entrance qualification
Description/content	Classes to develop German language fluency: Development of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">listening skills, including authentic presentations and lectures with preparation and follow-up: "Living and Studying in Germany"reading comprehension

- the ability to produce texts
- the ability to understand and make use of scientific/academic language structures
- oral communication skills

Classes in general study preparation:

- exercises for German pronunciation – a contribution to oral competence in university studies
- preparing, following up on, and taking notes at lectures – living and studying in German
- "Practical language exercises for German as a foreign language" tutorial
- "Intercultural support – excursions" tutorial
- individual learning facilitation with independent study

Course details

Recognised language exams offered (e.g. DSH, TestDaF, TOEFL)	Yes
Other degrees / qualifications awarded	Certificate of participation
Online learning element is part of a study programme	Yes
Average number of hours per week	24
Average number of participants per group/course	20

Costs / Funding

Dates and costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 April - 18 July 2025 (Registration deadline of course provider: 15 January 2025), costs: EUR 400 • 13 October 2025 - 6 February 2026 (Registration deadline of course provider: 15 July 2025), costs: EUR 400
This price includes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course fees
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Requirements / Registration

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Language requirements

German level B2 (almost all certificates accepted)

Technical equipment and programmes

- Computer/laptop
- Internet
- Webcam
- Microphone
- Moodle
- Zoom

Submit application to

www.uni-assist.de - course of study: "DSH-Kurs+"

Services

Is accommodation organised?

The organiser does not provide assistance.

Meals

<https://www.studentenwerk-potsdam.de/essen/unsere-mensen/detailinfos/mensa-am-neuen-palais>

Is a social and leisure programme offered?

No

Free internet access

Yes

Support in visa matters

No

Pick-up service from train station/airport

No



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Bachelor

During their studies, international students may experience some difficulties. I can truly recommend studying at the University of Potsdam, where first-class support is offered during the study preparation programme. I am very grateful for the deeper insight into the German university system provided by the prep course. Subject-related course modules greatly helped me to start my studies.

Our Partners



ESiSt – Erfolgreicher Studieneinstieg für internationale Studierende in Brandenburg

Three students of the ESiSt programme (i.e. successful start for university studies for international students in Brandenburg) describe their everyday life at the university and how the programme helped to prepare them for their studies. ESiSt enables international students who are interested in studying in Brandenburg to access the universities in the network.

» more:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LuAu0KzJMhs>

University of Potsdam



Campus Am Neuen Palais

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Young, modern, and focused on the future: Founded in 1991, the University of Potsdam occupies a prominent position among the universities and research institutions of Berlin and Brandenburg. With more than 22,000 students, it is the biggest university in the federal

state of Brandenburg.

The University of Potsdam offers a broad range of degree programmes in the fields of the arts, economics and social sciences, law, human sciences, natural sciences, and digital engineering. Important research areas are cognitive science, Earth sciences, and functional ecology and evolution as well as plant genomics and systems biology.

Situated in a region with more than 40 research institutions, the university closely cooperates with numerous institutions of international acclaim, such as the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, the Leibniz Institute for Astrophysics, and the GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences. Students greatly benefit from these co-operations, which open up job opportunities for graduates.

Teaching at the University of Potsdam is always strongly influenced by up-to-date research and driven by the latest scientific findings within and outside academia. Study programmes are also continuously checked for quality.

The University of Potsdam is an international community of great diversity. With its numerous English-language Master's programmes, it welcomes international students from everywhere. To help them feel at home in Potsdam, the university offers German courses and a buddy programme, which matches new students with experienced ones. For advice on how to plan their studies, international BA and MA students can turn to the International Office. PhD students will receive information from the Welcome Centre. International students considering a short-term stay are invited to attend one of the university's summer courses in German or English.

Individual PhD students and members of structured PhD programmes at the university receive wide-ranging support from the Potsdam Graduate School (PoGS). As an umbrella institution of the different departments, it offers workshops for careers in various fields.

The University of Potsdam believes that equal opportunities are fundamental to education and research. The Equal Opportunity Coordination Office coordinates various offers to promote gender equality, such as programmes for young female researchers. Students with children receive assistance from the Family Service, which will help them organise their studies in a family-friendly way.

During and after the studies, the Career Service helps students prepare for their job applications. It also offers workshops on key skills and establishes contacts to companies. Graduates with business ideas can seek advice from the university's start-up service, which is named Potsdam Transfer.



University location

The University of Potsdam is one of the most beautifully situated universities in Germany. Each of its three campuses benefits from its special location. The central campus is located just opposite the Baroque palace "Neues Palais", a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Golm, Potsdam's largest campus, is idyllically surrounded by pastures and meadows. The Griebnitzsee campus is situated right at the border of Berlin and Potsdam.

Once a city of kings and royal residences, Potsdam is famous for its large number of palaces and parks. But it is also a thoroughly modern city with a strong orientation towards the future. In fact, 10,000 of Potsdam's 160,000 citizens work in academic institutions. No other German city has a higher ratio of scientists per capita.

Lovers of nature and culture will immediately feel at home in Potsdam. Because of its unique location, you will find green oases where you can unwind within walking distance, and at the same time, you can reach the German capital, Berlin, in just 30 minutes by public transport. In the historic city centre of Potsdam, the Hans Otto Theater, the Nikolaisaal Concert Hall, the House of Brandenburg-Prussian History, and the Film Museum provide opportunities to enjoy classical as well as modern culture.

As a young city, Potsdam offers good conditions for families, providing lots of childcare and family support facilities. In fact, Potsdam has been ranked as the most family-friendly city in Germany. Moreover, it is a very safe living environment.

In a nutshell, Potsdam has the infrastructure of a metropolis while still retaining its charming ambiance.

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