

## HWR Berlin Summer School 2026

# Learn the Language, Understand the Culture, Experience Berlin! German for Beginners

### Overview

Our language course combines intensive German language classes with a taste of the unique culture and history of Berlin and Germany. It places special focus on communication and pronunciation, featuring a series of fun, interactive activities such as tongue twisters.

### Date

28 June – 18 July 2026

### Course Content

The interactive classes cover general language skills, core grammatical structures, basic vocabulary, and knowledge about German culture and life.

### The course programme also includes:

- Cultural excursions
- Module on German culture and society from an intercultural perspective

### Course Language

German

### Number of Participants

Approximately 15

### Course Fees

€ 715 (without accommodation)

This includes tuition and programme fees, health, accident and liability insurance, study visits, most parts of the culture and leisure time programme.

### Credits

- 5 ECTS: Language Course
- 1 ECTS: German culture & society module
- Up to 6 ECTS credits

### Accommodation

- Student hotel (double room)
- Arrival 28 June (move-in), departure 18 July (move-out)
- Optional booking upon request

### Culture and Leisure Time Programme

The summer school team offers participants a wide variety of optional cultural and social events in Berlin and surrounding area (e.g. museums, boat trip, palaces, trips to Potsdam and Sachsenhausen) about twice a week.

### Registration Deadline

- 1 April 2026
- 15 March 2026 for nominated students from partner universities
- Early-Bird 10% by 10 March 2026

### Contact, Enquiries and Registration

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# Syllabus

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### Target Group

Students aged 18 years and above of all disciplines with no prior German language knowledge.

### Lecturers

Dorothee Rabe

### Learning Outcomes

- Learn basic German grammar and build up basic vocabulary
- Develop communication skills related to the vital aspects of everyday life
- Improve pronunciation skills
- Increase knowledge of German culture
- Deepen cross-cultural awareness

### Course Content

- Introducing yourself and others (outlining personal details, family members etc.)
- Dealing with daily life (studying at university, languages, leisure activities)
- Making a date / arranging a meeting (date and time, directions, transportation)
- Food and beverages (products, shopping, restaurant, type of preparation)
- Work and leisure time
- Body parts / consulting a doctor
- Navigating the city: Buildings, transport and giving/ receiving directions

### Assessment

Presentation / oral interaction in class / final test (written)

### Weeks 1–3: Additional Module

#### German Culture and Society: Intercultural Perspectives

- Students will be exposed to various aspects of German culture and society through a series of site visits and reflective papers
- The reflective papers (one per study week) should be related to an aspect of German culture and society and/or students' intercultural experience

\*Course content/lecturers may be subject to change

### Last but not least: Get more out of your Summer School experience!

Combine this programme with our add-on "Cross Cultural Management: Culture, Diversity and Sustainability"