

Erasmus Academy Summer Language Program

German for Reading, Writing & Speaking
May 24 – July 15, 2021 (8 weeks)

Instructor: Ron Ditmars

Purpose

This intensive course is designed for graduate students preparing to take the German proficiency exams for masters and PhD programs, and for any other college student, adult or motivated high school student desiring to read, write and begin speaking in the language. It provides a thorough presentation of German grammar and introduces the student to expository prose, with the emphasis on reading, translation, and conversational skills. No previous knowledge of the language is required. The objective of the course, approximating a year of university instruction, is to bring the student to an intermediate reading, writing and speaking level, enabling him or her to read modern scholarly articles in German.

Course Structure

As a distance learning course, students may take this class from any location or from the convenience of their home. They will need to have access to the Internet. The course meets in “real time” and participants are expected to attend all the scheduled sessions. Each student participates fully in each class by listening and speaking, translating and posing questions. Assignments are emailed to the Instructor. The 8-week course meets two times a week (Mondays and Thursdays), 5:30pm-9:30pm EST; it comprises 64 hours of live instruction. Each 4-hour session includes grammar, strategies for analyzing German sentences, translating sentences and longer passages from German into English, vocabulary & verb review, composing in German, sight-reading, conversation exercises, and quizzes. Presuming 4 hours of outside preparation for each hour in class, 40 hours (8+32) a week should be available for study. One hour, divided into two 30-minute sessions during each 4-hr. class, will be devoted to developing conversation skills, based on the grammar and vocabulary of the respective chapter. Speaking the language (i.e. using it actively) is one of the best ways to expand your reading and writing skills, and to see the grammar come alive. It is also a great deal of fun. In the latter half of the course, participants have the opportunity of translating additional texts in their own area of study, be it history, comparative literature, philosophy, classics, music theory, religious studies, art history, archaeology, etc. MP3 files, as a companion to the textbook, are provided as part of the course.

Required Texts (2)

Order from any major bookstore or used from Amazon or elsewhere: 1) Korb, Richard. *German for Reading Knowledge*, fifth edition (preferred), 2005, ISBN 1-4130-0370-2 or sixth edition, 2009. Heinle Cengage Learning; 2) Murutes, Harry. *Easy Key to German Vocabulary*. Canton, OH, 1995. ISBN 0-9648579-0-1. [Note: The Instructor will make *Easy Key to German Vocabulary* available to students at no charge.]

Background of Instructor

Mr. Ditmars did graduate work at Freiburg University, Germany for six years, in classical and modern languages. He holds a Magister degree from that institution in modern German literature. He directed the UTS Summer Language Program in New York City for ten years, during which he taught the Intensive German course each summer to graduate students from Columbia University, New York University, Jewish Theological Seminary, Fordham University, etc. He has now taught the intensive German course online for the past eighteen summers. He is licensed in the State of New Jersey to teach German, French and Latin.

Registration, Course Fee & Refund Policy

The fee for Summer German Online is \$1250, payable in full to the Erasmus Academy NY no later than May 1, 2021. To reserve a place in the course, an enrollment form and a non-refundable deposit of \$75 must be submitted to the Admissions Office of the Erasmus Academy NY anytime between Nov. 1, 2020 and May 1, '21. Early application is recommended due to space availability. The maximum number of students in this online course is 20. There are "Early Bird" Registration options. If full payment is made by February 15, 2021, the total fee for the course is \$1050. If full payment is made by March 15, 2021, the total fee is \$1100. If full payment is made by April 15, 2021, the full course fee is \$1150. Thereafter the normal course fee of \$1250 applies. Students may make payments and register online, at the website below. To complete the Enrollment Form, please download it, fill out, scan and return it by email attachment.

Refund Policy

If, after the first two weeks of classes, a student wishes to discontinue the German course, a letter to this effect must be received by the Erasmus Academy Office by 4:00pm on Sunday, June 6, 2021. Thereupon, a refund of the total amount paid by the student less \$75 (the non-refundable deposit) will be returned to the student.

Registration Deadline: May 1, 2021

For information and enrollment form, visit:
www.erasmusacademy.com

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www.erasmusacademy.com