

Integration Courses

One of the possibilities to learn the German language is to participate in an integration course (*Integrationskurs*).

The *Integrationskurs* contains 600 hours of German language school and 60 hours of general knowledge about Germany (such as: legal system, history and culture). Altogether the course costs 792€ (660 hours x 1,20€).

After taking the final examination and successfully passing it, you will receive a so-called "Certificate Integrationskurs".

Eligibility

EU-citizens can apply for an eligibility certification (Berechtigungsschein) at the Aliens' Office. The Aliens' Office will prove the long-term perspective (at least 1 year) of your staying in Germany. As an EU-citizen you are not entitled to participate in an integration course.

Non-EU-citizens are legally entitled to participate in an integration course if you fulfill the following conditions:

- You possess a residence permit as an employee (at least 1 year) or as a joint family member or
- You have lived at least for 5 years in another EU-country.

Process

After receiving the *Berechtigungsschein* from the Aliens' Office, you can register for an integration course. You can get in contact though with a language school and ask them to assist you during the process of application.

German language schools (with Integration Courses)

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Tandem: Nikolaus-Dürkopp-Straße 11, D-33602 Bielefeld (incl. child care)

Dialog Consulting: Herforder Str. 31, D- 33602 Bielefeld (incl. child care)

General Information

- Regular attendance is obligatory. Otherwise the *Integrationskurs* will not be paid.
- If you complete the level B1 within two years you will get 50% of your money back.
- After successful final exam you will receive a so-called "*Zertifikat Integrationskurs*" which will confirm the language skills of B1.
- If you fail the final examination you can repeat 300 hours of the last course free of charge.
- Please ask the language school about child care. Some of them offer this service during the courses which is free of charge, too.

