

German Language Program

The chart below shows UVic German language program that leads up to B2 proficiency level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). Questions? [Contact Dr. Ulf Schuetze](#).

CEFR Levels	Class hours (45 minutes) to reach each level as per Goethe Institute	German Language Courses at UVic taught at each level (class hours of 50 minutes)
<p>A1</p> <p>Can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type. Can introduce him/herself and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he/she lives, people he/she knows and things he/she has. Can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.</p>	80 hrs	<p>Core courses: GMST 101 Beginning German I GMST 102 Beginning German II</p> <p>Although each course has only 36 contact hours, these courses come with a strong online support component which adds another 12 hours. Total of 96 hrs</p>
<p>A2</p> <p>Can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment). Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters. Can describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.</p>	200 hrs	<p>Core courses: GMST 201 Intermediate German I GMST 202 Intermediate German II</p> <p>Although each course has only 36 contact hours, these courses come with a strong online support component which adds another 12 hours. Total of 192 hrs (A1 + A2)</p>
<p>B1</p> <p>Can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. Can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.</p>	350 hrs	<p>Core courses: GMST 301 Advanced German I GMST 302 Advanced German II</p> <p>Although each course has only 36 contact hours, these courses come with a strong online support component which adds another 12 hours. Total of 288 hrs (A1 +A2 + B1)</p>
<p>B2</p> <p>Can understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialisation. Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party. Can produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.</p>	600 hrs	<p>Core courses: GMST 401 Advanced German I or GMST 402 Advanced German II</p> <p>Each course has 36 contact hours. One of those courses is offered each year. Students taking GMST 401 or 402 have usually participated in one of our study abroad programs. Total of 324 hrs + Study Abroad (A1 +A2 + B1 + B2)</p>