

| Who can take a course?

The following people are entitled to take one of the courses

- | Migrants with the right to remain
- | Late resettlers and their relatives
- | Migrants who were already living in Germany before 1/1/2005 and
- | EU citizens and German nationals whose knowledge of German is insufficient.
- | Asylum seekers with good prospects of remaining.

The Office for Migration and Diversity, the Immigration Authorities, the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) and the Jobcenter are responsible for approving the courses.

We can advise you on when you can apply for an integration course and where you can apply for the course.

| Costs

The Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) pays the costs of the course either in full or in part.

| Course duration

Courses are in the morning or afternoon with 20 teaching hours.

| Teaching locations

The courses take place in the Studienhaus am Neumarkt study centre, in Mülheim, Kalk and Nippes. Some courses also take place online.

| Advice and registration

- | VHS, Studienhaus am Neumarkt (Adult Education Centre)
Cäcilienstr. 35
2nd floor, room 200
- | Bezirksrathaus Mülheim (District Town Hall)
Wiener Platz 2a
2nd floor, room 202

Contact points

- | Ms S. Oelgart
Phone: +49 221 221 33684
E-Mail: ik-beratung@stadt-koeln.de
- | Mr D. Dogru
Phone: +49 221 221 33683
E-Mail: ik-beratung@stadt-koeln.de

Please make an appointment!

Legal information:



Die Oberbürgermeisterin

Amt für Weiterbildung
Volkshochschule

Im Mediapark 7
50670 Köln

Telefon: 0221 221 25990
Telefax: 0221 221 6569007
E-Mail: vhs@stadt-koeln.de

Internet: www.vhs.koeln

Integration courses



Integration courses
A language offer for migrants

| Integration courses

The Volkshochschule Cologne (Adult Education Centre) offers integration courses at all levels (basic module 1 to advanced module 3) and orientation courses.

You can also take the “German Test for Immigrants” exam here.

There are also literacy courses and youth integration courses available with 900 teaching hours each.

| Immigration Act

The Immigration Act stipulates that learning the German language is key to integrating in Germany. For this reason, all new immigrants with the right to stay have a legal right to attend an integration course. An integration course consists of two parts:

a modular language course with a maximum of 600 or 900 teaching hours and an orientation course with 100 teaching hours.

| Language course

The language course is divided into basic language courses (3 x 100 teaching hours) and advanced language courses (also 3 x 100 teaching hours).

The basic modules teach elementary language skills and thus lay the foundation for the advanced modules, which gradually lead to level B1 – measured on the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) scale.

B1 level means you can understand essentials if spoken clearly and coherently, and converse easily and coherently on familiar topics.

| Methods

Our integration courses teach you the German language in clear steps using everyday language situations. Our experienced teachers work using modern adult-oriented language teaching methods.

| Placement test

Take a placement test before the course to find out your existing language skills and find the right starting module for you.

| Orientation course

The orientation course teaches you basic knowledge of the German legal system, history and culture. Participants who have not taken a language course but are already at B1 level can also attend the orientation course.

The orientation course finishes with the “Leben in Deutschland” (“Living in Germany”) test. If a certain score is achieved, this also counts as a naturalisation test.

| Final examination

The integration courses finish with the “German Test for Immigrants”, which certifies A2 and B1 levels. Course participants prepare for this examination in build-up courses.

The language exam can also be taken without having attended the language course.

Placement

Basic language course

Module 1

100 hours

A1, part 1

Module 2

100 hours

A1, part 2

Module 3

100 hours

A2, part 1

Advanced language course

Module 1

100 hours

A2, part 2

Module 2

100 hours

B1, part 1

Module 3

100 hours

B1, part 2

Test

DTZ
 (“German Test
 for Immigrants”)

Orientation

LiD test
 (“Living in
 Germany”)