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STUDY ABROAD

German Language Preparation in Vienna, Austria (GER 230)

Breakdown of the Various Course Levels for Achievement Study Abroad Students

For pre-semester prep and the summer program, Achievement Study Abroad partners with IKI Vienna language school, located in the heart of Vienna. The focus during these preparatory studies lies not solely on language acquisition, but also on getting to know and understand the culture in Vienna and German-speaking Europe in general. In addition to their own placement test, which Achievement Study Abroad students complete online after being admitted to the program, IKI Vienna also implements a face-to-face meeting on site to help determine the right placement level. IKI Vienna courses are offered in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference. **These courses are listed on the Achievement Study Abroad course report as GER 230, with specific breakdowns (A2, B1, etc.) noted so that home schools can readily determine and grant transfer credit.**

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A1	A1	You learn how to make simple inquiries in speaking and writing, and to give instructions . You build on your basic grammar skills and increase your vocabulary .	80 Lessons / 4 Weeks
A2	A2.1 A2.2	You learn how to express yourself adequately in familiar, everyday situations and to read and understand simple texts.	80 Lessons / 4 Weeks 80 Lessons / 4 Weeks
B1	B1.1 B1.2	You consolidate and revise basic grammar structures and learn to lead discussions on interesting topics.	80 Lessons / 4 Weeks 80 Lessons / 4 Weeks
B2	B2.1 B2.2	You have a command of the essentials of German . You practice reading, writing and discussing difficult topics and work-related issues .	80 Lessons / 4 Weeks 80 Lessons / 4 Weeks
C1	C1	You learn to express yourself clearly both in speaking and writing on a large number of topics and to understand almost all texts .	160 Lessons/ 8 Weeks

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A1	
Student's background	You have very limited knowledge of German. You learn how to make simple inquiries in speaking and writing, and to give instructions. You build on your basic grammar skills and increase your vocabulary.
Contact hours and US semester credits	These intensive courses meet Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Each four-week course consists of 15 hours of instruction per week, equating to four (4) US semester credits per month-long course. Students generally spend four to eight weeks at this level before advancing to A2.
Prerequisites	4 weeks of the Beginner course or basic knowledge of German, e.g., the ability to introduce oneself and talk about simple everyday situations.
Grammatical base	A very basic knowledge of grammatical concepts from school.
Course content	The student learns how to make simple inquiries in speaking and writing and to give instructions, builds on their basic grammar skills and vocabulary. The following language functions are among those practiced: asking for and giving directions; asking for and giving information; discussing home and the household; describing people and their character; defining shape, size and color of objects; asking for and giving opinions; the working world; returning faulty goods to a shop.

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A2	
Student's background	You have some knowledge of German. You learn how to express yourself adequately in familiar, everyday situations and to read and understand simple texts.
Contact hours and US semester credits	<p>These intensive courses meet Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Each four-week course consists of 15 hours of instruction per week, equating to four (4) US semester credits per month-long course.</p> <p>Students generally spend four to eight weeks at this level before advancing to B1.</p>
Prerequisites	12 weeks of Beginner, Elementary 1 & 2 course or very good basic knowledge of German. Understanding of everyday spoken and written situations, ability to communicate in day-to-day contexts.
Grammatical base	Imperfect tense, Nominative, Genitive, Dative, Accusative, adjective declension, simple subordinate clauses, simple prepositions.
Course content	The student has some knowledge of German. They learn how to express themselves adequately in familiar, everyday situations and to read and understand simple texts. Main course topics include holidays and travel, living abroad, nature and the environment, family, the generation problem, population, living, the concept of home, news, politics, radio programs.

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B1	
Student's background	You have basic knowledge of German. You consolidate and revise basic grammar structures and learn to discuss interesting topics.
Contact hours and US semester credits	These intensive courses meet Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Each four-week course consists of 15 hours of instruction per week, equating to four (4) US semester credits per month-long course. Students generally spend four to eight weeks at this level before advancing to B2.
Prerequisites	12 weeks of Beginner, Elementary 1 & 2 course or very good basic knowledge of German. Understanding of everyday spoken and written situations, ability to communicate in day-to-day contexts.
Grammatical base	Imperfect tense, Nominative, Genitive, Dative, Accusative, adjective declension, simple subordinate clauses, simple prepositions.
Course content	After completing this level, the student should have a basic command of the fundamentals of German grammar and be in the position to participate in simple discussions and to understand simple texts, including the main points of short press articles. He/she consolidates and revises basic grammar structures and learns to discuss interesting topics. Main topics include: Travel & tourism, employment and the working world, school, education, history, politics & culture, literature.

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B2	
Student's background	You have a command of the essentials of German. You practice reading, writing and discussing difficult topics and work-related issues.
Contact hours and US semester credits	These intensive courses meet Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Each four-week course consists of 15 hours of instruction per week, equating to four (4) US semester credits per month-long course. Students generally spend four to eight weeks at this level before advancing to C1.
Prerequisites	16 weeks of Beginner, Elementary 1, 2 and 3 or good German skills. Few mistakes and fluent communication in everyday situations, basic understanding of simple press articles and films, the ability to discuss familiar topics.
Grammatical base	Basic command of the essentials of German grammar, including all tense forms, Present and Imperfect Subjunctive, Passive, Adjective declension, Subordinate Clauses & sentence structure.
Course content	The student should learn to express themselves fluently on a variety of moderately difficult topics and without preparation. They learn to express their opinion, to state their views, to discuss, analyze and interpret basic texts, to summarize them and give an account of them. The basic grammatical structures are reviewed and consolidated on an intermediate level. The prerequisite is a sound command of basic grammar.

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C1	
Student's background	You have a solid command of German. You can express yourself clearly both in speaking and in writing on a wide variety of topics and can understand almost all texts.
Contact hours and US semester credits	These intensive courses meet Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Each four-week course consists of 15 hours of instruction per week, equating to four (4) US semester credits per month-long course. Students generally spend eight weeks at this level before advancing to C2.
Prerequisites	28 weeks of Beginner, Elementary 1, 2 and 3 and intermediate level courses or a very good knowledge of German. Mistake-free German and fluent communication in everyday situations, understanding of newspaper articles and films, ability to converse on a number of topics. Comprehensive and sound command of the language and use of a large range of vocabulary and grammar.
Grammatical base	The student must have a good command of German grammar, all tense forms, all applications of the Present and Imperfect Subjunctive, Subordination, Participle Constructions, Prepositions.
Course content	The student has a good command of German. They learn to express themselves clearly both in speaking and writing on a large number of topics and to understand almost all texts. For example: fine arts - interviews given by artists - interpretation of art, learning German, experiences and problems in assimilating a foreign language, sports, Austrian regional studies, Austria-Germany-Switzerland comparison, use of different types of texts, literature (poetry).

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Courses Offered by Achievement Study Abroad

Exclusively for Our Students in Marburg

Course Number and Title	GER 332: Deutsche Kurzprosa des 20. Jahrhunderts (German Short Stories of the 20 th Century)
Offered	Fall semester; minimum enrollment of three students.
US Semester Credits	3
Language of Instruction	German
Course Requirements and Grading	Course grade is based on attendance, in-class participation, completion of required reading and homework assignments, an in-class oral presentation on a topic appearing in one of the works discussed, plus a 3-4 page paper.
Course Description	Several short stories of the 20th century are read, analyzed and interpreted.
Learning Outcomes	The course will introduce students to important short stories of the 20th century and allow them to gain in-depth knowledge of various authors.
Sample Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Franz Kafka, „Der Nachbar“ and „Heimkehr“• Bertolt Brecht, „Maßnahmen gegen die Gewalt“• Heinrich Böll, „Anekdote zur Senkung der Arbeitsmoral“• Thomas Mann, „Der Geburtstag“• Marie Luise Kaschnitz, „Lange Schatten“

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Course Number and Title	GER 335: Deutsche Romane und Novellen (German Novels and Novellas)
Offered	Spring semester; minimum enrollment of three students.
US Semester Credits	3
Language of Instruction	German
Course Requirements and Grading	Course grade is based on attendance, in-class participation, completion of required reading and homework assignments, an in-class oral presentation on a topic appearing in one of the works discussed, plus a 3-4 page paper.
Course Description	Several short stories of the 20th century are read, analyzed and interpreted.
Learning Outcomes	The course will introduce students to important short stories of the 20th century and allow them to gain in-depth knowledge of various authors.
Sample Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wolfgang Herrndorf, „Tschick“• Bernhard Schlink, „Der Vorleser“• Daniel Kehlmann, „Die Vermessung der Welt“• Thomas Mann, „Tod in Venedig“• Max Frisch, „Homo Faber“

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Course Number and Title	GER 310: Übersetzen aus dem Deutschen ins Englische (German to English Translation)
Offered	Fall semester; minimum enrollment of three students.
US Semester Credits	3
Language of Instruction	German and English
Course Requirements and Grading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular attendance, in-class participation and completion of all written exercises.• Two homework assignments are randomly collected at the beginning of a class. They, together with an evaluation of in-class participation, will account for 10% of the final grade.• One newspaper article translation to be downloaded from the online article archive. The article counts toward 10% of the final grade.• One five-page translation of a contemporary German work will serve as the final project, which accounts for 20% of the final grade.• One mid-term exam accounts for 30% of the final grade.• One final exam accounts for 30% of the final grade.
Course Description	A translation course for American students with little or no prior experience in translating. Covers basic terminology such as Ausgangssprache/Zielsprache and translation strategies. Focus on broadening of vocabulary, importance of fully understanding text to be translated and various problems in translating from German into English.
Learning Outcomes	Students will learn the art and science of translating; build basic translation skills; increase linguistic awareness, including but not limited to audience awareness; improve and expand vocabulary, both in German and English.