



# LEARNING COMPANION LEVEL A1 - C2



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# A HEARTY WELCOME!

**Dear language aspirant,**

Welcome to the Goethe-Institut Pune, the official cultural institute of the Federal Republic of Germany and your partner for successfully learning German for everyday life, free time, work or university.

We are glad you chose to learn German with us. With 60+ years of experience worldwide – since August 1961 here in Pune – with continuous development of our teaching methods, the qualification of our teachers, together with the regular evaluation of our institute guarantees quality and an ideal learning atmosphere.

You are reading our Learning Assistant, which will not only give you information about our services and courses at the Goethe-Institut Pune, but also tips and links that will help you to improve your German further.

Have fun learning! Viel Spaß beim Deutschlernen!

## OUR PHILOSOPHY

We at Goethe-Institut Max Mueller Bhavan Pune emphasise on the learning process with a communicative approach and intercultural understanding in the virtual as well as physical classroom. Be it a day to day communication or a rendezvous with the natives, our authentic teaching approach will always come handy. The classes are taught in German right from the very first lesson, and reflect the latest development in modern teaching methodology and didactics. All skills: talking, reading, writing and listening are practised during the class.

The learning objectives are described in the course book. Our teachers also make sure that you are aware of the same.

The courses level and contents orients towards the Common European Frame of Reference for Languages.

(<https://www.europaeischer-referenzrahmen.de/sprachniveau.php>)

All Goethe-Instituts worldwide and many universities and language schools teach in accordance with this Frame of Reference. That is to say that after successfully completing a course you can easily continue studying at another Institute or at another Goethe-Institut worldwide.

An overview of the contents that you will learn in your desired level can be found on the next page:

## COURSE LEVEL OVERVIEW

Get to know what you will achieve after completing every course. Scan the QR Code for details:



## GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS - LANGUAGE COURSES

### General Requirements

All courses are designed for adult learners. Participant must be at least 16 years of age and a proof of age should be furnished at the time of registration.

### Registration Procedure

Candidates are requested to register online as per the registration schedule mentioned on the website. Thereafter, the confirmation will be sent through email and the payment should be made online via NEFT only.

### Placement Test

Students with prior knowledge of German and students with a gap of more than six months from their last Goethe-Examination should take the placement test prior to the registration. Placement in the appropriate course level is based on the result of the placement test conducted.

### Terms of Payment

The course fees are to be paid at the time of registration. We accept payment with NEFT only. The payment procedure will be explained in the confirmation mail itself.

### Course Fees:

Course Fees do not include cost of course books and examination fees. For the refund structure, kindly refer to the table below:

Working days before course commencement	Refund
15 days to 90 days before the course commencement	90%
14 days to 1 days before the course commencement	50%
Upon course commencement	No refund

Should the Goethe-Institut Max Mueller Bhavan Pune cancel a course, the full course fee shall be reimbursed.

In case the candidate wants to shift/ transfer his/her course registration to the next upcoming course, an administrative charge of INR.1500 will be applicable.

### **Course Participation Certificate and criteria**

Participants receive an attendance certificate at the end of the course mentioning the no. of attended teaching units. However in order to visit the next level, one has to attend minimum 80% of the teaching units.

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Participants receive an Attendance Certificate at the end of the course mentioning the no. of attended teaching units. However in order to visit the next level, one has to attend minimum 75% of the teaching units.

### **Class Strength**

Our courses have maximum 22 participants for the levels A1 to C2. The Goethe-Institut Max Mueller Bhavan Pune reserves the right to cancel or postpone the course. In this case we will offer the participants the opportunity to move to other course or to receive a full refund of the course fees.

The choice of class and the chosen time slot are binding. Changes are not allowed.

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Should such cases of extraordinary circumstances or events occur or should there be a change in the existing circumstances or events, caused by factors that are beyond the sphere of influence of the Goethe-Institut Max Mueller Bhavan Pune, the Institute shall reserve the right to make changes in the ongoing course structure (e.g. in terms of time, methodology or format). Should the circumstances not allow the above-mentioned changes, in that case the Goethe-Institut Max Mueller Bhavan Pune shall cancel the course without any alternative offer and financial compensation.

## **Complaint management**

We aim to create a friendly and open learning environment in the class. To ensure this we also conduct regular surveys and feedback sessions. We encourage you to talk freely to your class teachers in case you face difficulties. In case your grievances are not met, feel free to write to the language department:

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## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

In Pune: We offer a complete waiver of course fees to the best student in 2 consecutive course Levels upon application and interviews. (This Scholarship Programme shall resume soon)

## Tips & Tricks to learn German efficiently

- Attend classes constantly and participate actively during lessons. Login punctually into class. Schedule about two to three hours of reworking.
- Our advice for reworking: Do your homework and further exercises in the workbook and / or online course room.
- Reread texts discussed in class. Please don't do exercises of the following days.
- Preliminary studies are not useful. Have a look at the notes you made during class: what should I have learned today? Did I learn it? Did I understand the new subject matter?
- Keep a learning diary: Write down the important points of the notes you made in class on a punched sheet of paper (A4 format). You can file this piece of paper in a folder. Like this you can easily extend your records. Your teacher can give you advice on how to keep your diary.
- Write down examples for the exercises you did during class and add your own example sentences.
- Mark the different aspects with different colours.
- Write down all words you remember of the topic covered in class. For ex: in mind maps, lists or by drawing.
- Use the new words and grammatical structure. Write your own example sentences using what you learned newly or change example sentences of the textbook. Write your own short texts with these words and structures.
- Keep track of what was difficult for you in class and what you found easy in your diary.
- Repeat not only the educational content of the previous day but also the content of earlier days.
- A well-kept diary is very useful for revision.
- If anything remained unclear: Write down questions and ask your teacher at the next lesson!
- Learn new words. Write down the new words for example on notecards. Use colours or pictures to mark and illustrate the words. Colours and pictures help greatly in learning new words. You can for example always mark the articles "der", "die" and "das" with colours. Write a short story or paint a small picture for every newly learned word.
- If you memorize the new words by the help of a short story or a picture it will be much easier for you to learn it.
- Decide for yourself what you would like to learn. Especially in higher grades it is not possible to memorize every word. And you also don't have to. Decide for yourself which words are important to you and learn these words intensively. Think in German: Frame your daily thoughts in German, for ex.: "Ich muss an der nächsten Station aussteigen." or: "Die Äpfel sind aber teuer!"

- Create tandems: Don't just learn alone but search for another person to learn together. Search for other course participants with whom you would like to learn.
- Meet after class and talk about the course content and about other topics.
- Speak German only. Even on the phone or by texting each other you can learn.
- Occupy yourself with German in your free time, too. Online you will find lots of
- German radio stations you can listen to in your free time. Also, the e-library of the
- Goethe-Institut offers several media you can either have a look at on site or borrow.
- On the move you can listen to German podcasts.
- Inform yourself about current issues in German-speaking countries online. For exams of higher grades it is important to be informed about latest trends and developments in German-speaking countries. Therefore, it is sensible to visit websites of German newspapers regularly and to read interesting articles or watch videos. You can also inform yourself in English language about Germany.



## LINKS TO LEARN GERMAN

### **Goethe-Institut: Deutsch lernen im Web Stufen A1 – C1**

On the Goethe-Institut website you can find a wide range of online learning activities. For example you can download the App “Himmelscheibe von Nebra” on to your iPhone or iPad and learn German while playing the game:

### **Hauptstraße 117 Stufen A1, A2**

Learn German with the help of a soap opera. On the basis of everyday life situations, you are getting to know contemporary Germany. (Suitable for young learners, instructions are in English):

### **vitamin de Stufen B1 – C1**

The magazine Vitamine de offers up to date/current articles concerning Germany. It provides you with a variety of information about German politics, economy and society.

### **Deutschbaukasten Stufen B1 – C1**

A variety of podcast with topics Germans are interested in.

### **RSS Feeds des Goethe-Instituts Stufen B2 – C2**

Are you interested in German culture and society? The RSS Feed of the Goethe- Institute will keep you updated. Subscribe to news concerning “German language”, “art”, “society” and “knowledge”.

## PODCASTS FOR LEARNING GERMAN

Podcast are a good way to practice your listening/ auditory/ comprehensive skills. A podcast is a regularly updated program that you can download via podcatcher (e.g. iTunes). Many podcasts can be found online. You can look for German podcasts on your podcatcher as well.

### **Audiosprachkurs: Radio D Stufen A1, A2**

Radio D is a language course. An English-speaking presenter will guide you through the program. He will be talking about expressions and the structure of the German language as well as cultural topics. The audio language course of the Goethe Institute is available as podcast as well.

### **Grüße aus Deutschland Stufen A2, B1**

A podcast by the Goethe-Institut to learn German. 60 entertaining episodes will help you to improve your oral skills and your knowledge about German and Germany. You can download all the corresponding manuscripts as pdf file:

## GERMANY - FACTS & FIGURES

### **Tatsachen über Deutschland Stufen A1 - C2**

The internet version of the handbook "Tatsachen über Deutschland" informs you about Germany and its people, politics, economy and culture.

### **Lemo - Lebendiges Museum online Stufen B2 - C2**

Vast collection of information concerning German history. Website of the German historical museum.

### **Gedichte Stufen B2 - C2**

Poems from all over the world for reading and listening. Poems to read and listen to from all over the world.

### **Vorleser.net Stufen B2 - C2**

Here you can download professionally read out listening texts (poems, short stories, fairy tales) for free.

### **Wissen.de Stufen B2 - C2**

Comprehensive portal (including a dictionary and podcasts) with a wide range of information on various topics.

## DICTIONARIES AND REFERENCE RESOURCES

### **DWDS Stufen A2 - C2**

The digital dictionary of the German language offers additional information on history and origin of words for advanced learners.

### **Canoo.net Stufen A2 - C2**

Dictionaries and glossaries with explanations regarding Inflection, morphology, regional varieties and the new German orthography.

### **Duden Online Stufen A2 - C2**

Website of the most famous publisher of German-German dictionaries.

### **Beolingues – Ihr Online Wörterbuch**

The online dictionary Beolingus offers you translation, word lists for special subjects, links regarding grammar, random search and a vocabulary training

### **Leo**

The online dictionary LEO offers translation in many different languages. The app for your smart phone can help you translating where ever you are

### **Synonyms**

The use of synonyme.de is an uncomplicated way of searching for synonyms and synonym phrases.

### **Deutsche Verformen**

Verbformen.net provides the conjugated forms of all German verbs in a simple and comprehensible way.

### **Online Wörterbuch**

Besides browsing the dictionary or searching for German-English translations you can also ask and answer questions related to the German or English language using the translation forum. To improve your language skills, try the vocabulary trainer.

### **Jojo sucht das Glück**

Learn German with Jojo a brazilian girl who moved to Germany to study. During three exciting seasons you will learn a lot about Jojo's and her friend's life in Cologne.

### **Mein Weg nach Deutschland**

Would you like to travel to Germany or would you like to live or study there? The website offers you a lot of interesting and important information on your way to Germany. Furthermore you can practice and improve your German while playing games.

## DICTIONARIES AND REFERENCE RESOURCES

### **Ticket nach Berlin**

Learn German with the interesting show „Ticket to Berlin“. While travelling through Germany six young German learners from all over the world have to pass exciting Challenges

### **Deutschlandlabor - Alltag in Deutschland**

The German laboratory looks into common clichés about Germans. It shows a diverse picture of society. In the community “German for you” for each video you can find corresponding exercises to learn German

### **Deutsch für dich**

Learn German together free of charge

Just register to join the learning and teaching community free of charge. /

- Interactive learning games: improve your German skills at all language levels
- Expert chat: find out interesting facts about all aspects of the German language
- Forum: pick up learning tips, ask questions, help others
- Groups: find learning partners and share experiences

## APPS TO LEARN GERMAN – IOS AND ANDROID

### **LeArn DeUTSCH**

An Online Game for learners of German at A1-level. In the fictitious „City of Words“, you collect new words, use them in short sentences, and you can test your skills in short games with other players.

### **Vocabulary trainer app**

Learn German on the go with the Goethe-Institut's vocabulary trainer app. The Goethe-Institut's new mobile vocabulary trainer helps you to practise and improve your German by adding new words to your vocabulary even on the go.

### **A Mysterious Mission**

An adventure game for advanced learners of German from Level B1. Placed in a professional environment, the players solve an exciting criminal case.

### **The Mystery of Nebra**

An adventure game for learners of German from Level A2. On a trip through Germany, the players solve a mystery surrounding the 4000-year old Nebra Sky Disk.

### **ARRIVAL**

A guide for your first weeks in Germany

Understanding how Germany works is the basis for getting on well together. Everyone has the same obligations and has to obey German laws. But everyone has the same rights too. In this app you get to know the rules of this country and learn what you have to pay attention to. Try it! And start right now...

### **MEIN WEG NACH DEUTSCHLAND**

How do I sign a contract? How do I make friends in Germany? The young woman named Nevin faces these and other problems in her first weeks in Germany. Share her experiences in short videos (A1-level) and exercises to improve your German.

For more materials about living in Germany visit this [webpage](#)



# MEDIA

## **Daily Newspaper Stufen B2 – C2**

[Süddeutsche Zeitung](#)

[Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung](#)

[Die Tageszeitung](#)

## **Weekly Newspaper and Magazine Stufen B2 – C2**

[Die Zeit](#)

[Der Spiegel](#)

[Stern](#)

## **Youth Magazine Stufen B2 – C2**

[Neon \(monatlich\)](#)

[Fluter](#)

## **TELEVISION STUFEN A2 – C2**

In the media library of public-law broadcasting channels ARD and ZDF you can watch many TV shows. They have a very big collection of news, culture, information, talk shows, movies etcetera.

### **ARD**

Via the media library of ARD you can get access to shows of 11 TV channels and 59 radio channels.

### **ZDF**

The ZDF is one of the biggest television channels of Europe.

## **Radio Stufen A2 – C2**

A list of German radio channels that you can listen to online.

**Or:**

[Radio eins](#)

[Fritz](#)

[SWR 3](#)

## STUDY IN GERMANY

### **DAAD Stufen A1 – C2**

The German Academic Exchange Service is the most important institution for supporting And facilitating international exchange of students and scientist. The DAAD offers information on studying in Germany and helps you with scholarships.

### **Hochschulkompass Stufen A1 – C2** **(Information in German and English)**

The data bank offers information and links to all universities and study options in Germany.

### **Study-in.de Stufen A1 – C2** **(Information in German and English)**

Information for foreign students regarding studying and living in Germany.

### **University ranking Stufen A1 – C2** **(Information in German and English)**

Ranking of universities and subjects.

## EVENTS - GOETHE-INSTITUT PUNE

### **Newsletter**

Newsletter for cultural programmes

**[Newsletter bestellen oder abbestellen](#)**

Would you like to receive information on cultural events of the Goethe-Institut Max Mueller Bhavan in Pune? We would be happy to send you regular updates on our cultural programmes. Do contact our Events Manager Ms. Renu Jamgaonkar at **[renu.jamgaonkar@goethe.de](mailto:renu.jamgaonkar@goethe.de)**

## LIBRARY

Our library houses an up-to-date selection of printed and audiovisual media both in German and in translation to keep you informed about the latest trends and current issues.

- Books in German
- Translations of German authors into English
- Material for German as a foreign language
- German daily and weekly newspapers and periodicals
- Reference works and dictionaries
- Music CDs, Videos and DVDs
- Multimedia players

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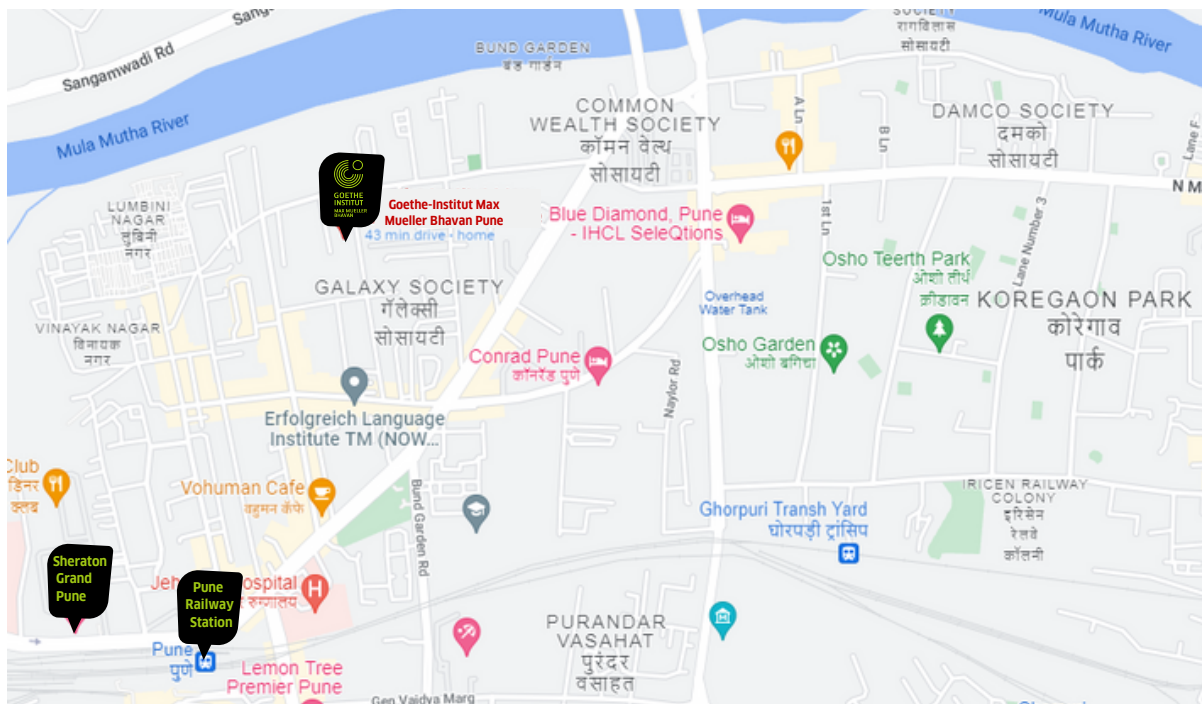
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