



LANGUAGE COURSES AND EXAMINATIONS

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GOETHE-INSTITUT ÄTHIOPIEN



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GENERAL LANGUAGE COURSES

For adults/course participants (over age 16)

Learn German with the professionals: The Goethe-Institut Addis Abeba offers you extensive, intensive and super intensive courses. After an individual placement assessment, you will start lessons in the course at the right level for you. If you have no prior knowledge of German, you will automatically start in course level A1. We offer courses in the morning, afternoon, and evening.

EXTENSIVE COURSES A1.1 - C1.2

- Course duration: 7 weeks (A1.1-C1.2)
- Start: January, March, May, July, September, November
- Frequency: 3 times per week (3 UI per day)
- 72 total UIS (UI = 45-minute unit of instruction)
- Participants: at least 12 up to a maximum of 18

COURSE FEE

for the current course fee please go to our website

INTENSIVE COURSES A1.1 - B1.2

- Course duration: 7 weeks
- Start: January, March, May, July, September, November
- Frequency: 4 times per week (3 UI per day)
- 84 total UIS (UI = 45-minute unit of instruction)
- Participants: at least 12 up to a maximum of 18

COURSE FEE

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SUPER INTENSIVE COURSES A1, A2, B1

The ideal program if you want to learn German quickly.

- Course duration: 7 weeks
- Start: January, March, May, July, September, November
- Frequency: 5 times per week (5 UI per day)
- 147 total UIs (UI = 45-minute unit of instruction)
- 3 UIs Exam Preparation
- Participants: A minimum of 10 up to a maximum of 15

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SPECIAL INTENSIVE COURSES A1.1, A1.2 FOR SPOUSE IMMIGRATION

This course is ideal for those who have been away from school for a long time and whose husband or wife are living in Germany and who want to join him/her.

- Course duration: 7 weeks
- Start: January, March, May, July, September, November
- Frequency: 5 times per week (3 UI per day)
- 105 UIs (UI = 45-minute unit of instruction)
- Participants: a minimum of 10 up to a maximum of 18

COURSE FEE

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LANGUAGE COURSES FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Extensive course for children and teens (11-15 age)

- Course duration: 16 weeks
- Start: March, September
- Frequency: once per week, Saturdays (4 UI per day)
- 64 total UIs
- Participants: at least 12 up to a maximum of 18

COURSE FEE

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ONLINE GROUP COURSE AND BLENDED LEARNING COURSE

- Course duration: 7 weeks
- Start: January, March, May, July, September, November
- Online Group course: one online live session per week
- 63 UI total for Online Group course
- Blended Learning course: 5 UI per week online Live sessions
- 72 UI total, 37 UI online and 35 UI online Live with ZOOM for Blended Learning course

COURSE FEE

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COMPANY COURSES

By arrangement

EXAMINATION PREPARATION COURSES

In these courses we prepare you specifically for the internationally recognized certificates of the Goethe-Institut, Goethe-Zertifikat A1 Start Deutsch 1 and Goethe-Zertifikat B1. You will become familiarized with the various sections of the written and oral examination with practice sentences and you will learn specific examination techniques.

- Course duration: 4 weeks
- Start: January, April, June, August, October, December
- Frequency: 2 times per week (4 UI per day)
- 32 total UIs
- Participants: at least 10 up to a maximum of 18

COURSE FEE

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We cannot always guarantee classes on all levels.



COURSE REGISTRATION AND COURSE DATES

REGISTRATION	COURSE DATES
02 - 16 Jan 2026	20 Jan - 06 March 2026
09 - 20 March	23 March - 08 May
11 - 22 May	26 May - 10 July
13 - 24 July	27 July - 11 Sept
14 - 25 Sept	28 Sept - 06 Nov
09 - 20 Nov	23 Nov - 31 Dec
04 - 15 Jan 2027	18 Jan - 05 March 2027

REGISTRATION FEE	50 ETB
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Registration dates could be changed.

Please check our website: www.goethe.de/addisababa

REGISTRATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

All payments are in cash. Courses may be cancelled if the necessary minimum number of participants for one course is not reached by the end of registration date, the teacher cannot teach because of illness or other personal matters, or the Goethe-Institut cannot carry out the courses according to schedule because of force majeure.

Refund policy: Course fees can be refunded if participants apply in person before the beginning of the course that they cannot participate in the course. Both receipts for course fees and the textbook must be presented. Textbooks must be given back to the Goethe-Institut. Registration fee will not be refunded.

Course fees are not transferable. Examination fee can be refunded if the participant presents a tangible evidence for his inability to participate in the examination and the reason is accepted by the examination officer. In this case 20 % of the examination fee will be deducted.

An ID, one photo and an E-Mail Address are required for registration. Participants who have attended at least 70 % of the total course time and have written four class tests will be provided with a certificate of attendance free of charge. Certificates of attendance can be provided two weeks after the end of the attended course.

For other written confirmations during or after the course, the Goethe-Institut charges 50 ETB. We charge 200 ETB for placement tests. 100 ETB administration fee will be charged for any change of course schedule.

All Participants must abide by the house rules of the Goethe-Institut Addis Abeba.

COURSE LEVELS

OUR COURSE LEVELS ACCORDING TO THE COMMON EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK OF REFERENCE FOR LANGUAGES

Basic Language User

A1 (A1.1 / A1.2)

Can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type. Can introduce himself/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.

A2 (A2.1 / A2.2)

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.

Independent User

B1 (B1.1 / B1.2)

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 & ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.

B2 (B2.1 / B2.2)

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.

Proficient User

C1 (C1.1 / C1.2)

Can understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognize implicit meaning. Can express himself/herself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions. Can use the language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes. Can produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organizational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.

C2 (C2.1 / C2.2)

Can understand with ease virtually everything heard or read. Can summarize information from different spoken and written sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation. Can express him/herself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in more complex situations.

EXAMINATIONS

EXAMINATION	REQUIREMENT
Goethe-Zertifikat C2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching, Translation/Interpretation Studies at any German university
Goethe-Zertifikat C1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study at selected universities in Germany Most careers requiring overall German proficiency
Goethe-Zertifikat B2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study at Studienkolleg Federal voluntary service BFD Many careers requiring business German proficiency (E.g. Medicine)
Goethe-Zertifikat B1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voluntary social year in Germany (FSJ) German citizenship To enter vocational school in Germany
Goethe-Zertifikat A2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masters Study in English Bachelors Study in English Proof of Elementary Proficiency in German
Goethe-Zertifikat A1 Start Deutsch 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Au-Pair in Germany & Austria Family Re-Union visa Long-term stay Masters Study in English

EXAMINATION AND REGISTRATION DATES

EXAM	REGISTRATION UNTIL	EXAM DATES
Goethe-Zertifikat A1 Start Deutsch 1	24.12.2025	12.01. - 14.01.2026
	25.02.2026	11.03. - 13.03.2026
	23.04.2026	17.05. - 20.05.2026
	29.06.2026	15.07. - 17.07.2026
	28.08.2026	21.09. - 23.09.2026
	23.10.2026	11.11. - 13.11.2026
	19.12.2026	13.01. - 15.01.2027
	On demand	By arrangement
Goethe-Zertifikat A2 Fit in Deutsch	On demand	By arrangement
Goethe-Zertifikat A2	30.01.2026	16.02. - 19.02.2026
Goethe-Zertifikat B1	26.03.2026	13.04. - 17.04.2026
Goethe-Zertifikat B2	29.05.2026	15.06. - 18.06.2026
Goethe-Zertifikat C1	31.07.2026	17.08. - 20.08.2026
Goethe-Zertifikat C2	02.10.2026	19.10. - 23.10.2026
Goethe-Zertifikat C1	On demand	By arrangement
Goethe-Zertifikat C2	On demand	By arrangement

Examination dates could be changed. Please visit our website www.goethe.de/addisababa at least one week before examination

EXAMINATION FEES

for the current exam fees please go to our website

EXTRA SERVICES FOR OUR GERMAN STUDENTS

OUR TEACHERS

Our teachers undergo a one-year basic training in teaching German as a foreign language. After the basic training they will start the standard training of the Goethe-Institut for teachers of German as a foreign language. At the Goethe-Institut we ensure that our teachers are up to date in their knowledge and practical work. For this purpose, we organize continuously training workshops locally and in Germany.

ADVICE

Our teachers give individual advice to our students throughout the course. We have additionally 2 consultation hours per week for all students. For people who migrate to Germany for professional or family reasons we organize intercultural training workshops. Students with learning difficulties get additional extra tuition after class.

FREE USE OF THE SELF-LEARN CENTER IN OUR LIBRARY

Our self-learn center for registered German students is equipped with the latest supporting materials and Laptops. We have exercise books on German vocabulary, grammar, audio-CDs, simple texts on German culture and lifestyle, computer based interactive exercises and many more.

FREE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP

Our Library grants a free membership for registered German students. Registered students can borrow books, magazines and films and use the library facilities (Internet) free of charge.



CULTURAL PROGRAM

We organise film evenings, exhibitions, concerts, panel discussions and readings where our German students can participate and broaden their knowledge of German culture. Especial events like Christmas party, monthly film screening and competitions are regularly organized for registered German students.

THE CAFÉ

The Café which is a favorite meeting location for students and staff of AAU and friends of the Goethe-Institut offers tasty foods to our visitors and German students.

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OPENING HOURS AND CONTACT ADDRESS

Language course office

Monday, Tuesday	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Thursday & Friday	2:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Library

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	08:30 am - 5:30 pm
Wednesday	1:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Language Course Office and Library are closed on all legal Ethiopian holidays.

Take the Entoto Road towards Entoto or the American Embassy, app. 200 m from the main gate of Addis Abeba University on the right side of the road you will see a signpost for the Goethe-Institut at the street entrance. Proceed down the road to the Goethe-Institut building.

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