



LSI.ONLINE

German as a Foreign Language

ABOUT LSI (INSTITUTE OF INTENSIVE LANGUAGE TRAINING AT BOCHUM UNIVERSITY)

The Institute of Intensive Language Training at Bochum University (LSI) has been teaching practical, useable and communicative language skills in intensive language courses for over 40 years. The course programme at LSI includes the languages Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian and Korean as well as to a small extent Persian (Dari/Farsi), Turkish, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and Dutch.

Blended-Learning elements are presently being incorporated into the LSI standard course programme. Autonomous e-learning courses are offered for the languages Russian and German as a foreign language (DaF).

LSI.ONLINE

LSI.online is a learning platform with which foreign language skills are acquired and trained both parallel to classroom training (blended learning) or as an independent online course (autonomous e-learning). Interactive work aids and information options to support learning (integrated dictionary, grammar functions etc.) help to individualise

learning with LSI.online and to adapt LSI.online to personal learning needs.

With an LSI.online subscription (3, 6 or 12 months) you can work on three online courses simultaneously which can be changed at any time during your subscription period.

GERMAN ONLINE AT A GLANCE

WIDE RANGE OF COURSES

Access to 20 online courses which improve reading comprehension with a large range of topics.

THEME ORIENTED LEARNING

LSI.online German offers learning material with these topics: history, society, politics, literature, art and architecture, economics, language, geography, film, culture and media, international relations, intellectual history, technology and science.

INFORMATIVE TEXTS

LSI.online German has over 600 authentic texts and more than 4200 interactive exercises. The texts range from 2500 to 6000 characters and develop reading skills at the levels CEFR A2/B1 to C2. Different kinds of text are represented with a focus on general as well as professional language (e.g. journalistic, literary, scientific texts).

INTERACTIVE EXERCISES

LSI.online German offers different types of interactive exercises: as well as multiple-choice exercises and text gap exercises there are exercise types like sensitive text, sorting and correlation and many others. Over 30 didactic tasks have been implemented based on these types of exercise.

INTEGRATED DICTIONARY

The dictionary function enables looking up unknown vocabulary directly and automatically saving these words for individual vocabulary training. Additionally the programme offers lists with related words to extend vocabulary and give grammar tips.

GRAMMAR REFERENCES

Over 140 tables provide information about the grammatical features of the parts of speech and the characteristics of the German syntax and help with linguistic orientation.

AUDIO VERSIONS

To improve pronunciation and practice the correct intonation an audio version of most texts can be listened to.

FOUR VIEWING MODES

The texts can be shown in four viewing modes to facilitate reading and text analysis: Normal mode (without additional information), Audio mode (supported by a voice recording), Grammar mode (additional information about word and sentence grammar) and Dictionary mode (context related translations and word families).

COMMENTS

The programme gives its learners the possibility of marking and commenting on words in a text.

LEARN MANAGER

The integrated Learn Manager can be used to independently check learning success. A detailed learning protocol documents an individual learning pathway with the achieved results.

COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER LEARNERS

The LSI.online forum offers the possibility of exchanging experiences with other learners.

ETUTOR

Individual advice in a chat with an eTutor supports learning progress and helps with questions or queries.

COURSE OVERVIEW – AUTONOMOUS E-LEARNING

GERMANY – FIRST INSIGHTS

Requirement: A2, Target level: B1

90 texts and 380 exercises

Topics: A wide range of topics from politics and society to art, culture, language and technology: important eras, facts, relationships and personalities.

POLITICS – SOCIETY – HISTORY

Requirement: A2, Target level: B2/C1

90 texts and 370 exercises

Topics: Significant eras, facts, relationships and personalities. Historical key events and developments. Social structure and groups. Social relationships in change, nation and civil society. Constitutional law and the legal system. Political parties in Germany. The German reunification. Current problems and developments.

THE GERMAN ECONOMY

Requirement: A2, Target level: B2/C1

63 texts and 270 exercises

Topics: The history of the German economy. Particular aspects and structures of business life, company profiles. Current problems in economic development in Germany in a European context. Basic economic terms.

TECHNICAL GERMAN I

Requirement: A2, Target level: B1

40 texts and 140 exercises

Topics: Basics in maths, physics and chemistry. Selected new research.

TECHNICAL GERMAN II

(Continuation of the course Technical German I)

Requirement: B1, Target level: B2

40 texts and 140 exercises

Topics: Fields of maths, physics and chemistry. Current research and applications in mechanical engineering, structural engineering, electrical engineering and information technology.

TECHNICAL GERMAN III

(Continuation of the course Technical German II)

Requirement: B2, Target level: C1/C2

40 texts and 140 exercises

Topics: Prominent research in mechanical engineering, structural engineering, electrical engineering and information technology. Standardisation in science and technology.

GERMANY IN EUROPE

Requirement: A2/B1, Target level: C1

30 texts and 110 exercises

Topics: Cultural and economic interaction between Germany and its neighbours. European heritage and mutual perception in culture, economy and religion. Germany's integration in Europe and common fields of activity.

DICTATORSHIP AND A DEMOCRATIC NEW START

Requirement: A2/B1, Target level: C1

26 texts and 170 exercises

Topics: National Socialism and democratic change. Forms and ways of coping with the past. Socio-cultural developments after 1945 and democratic awareness.

GERMANY: OWN AND FOREIGN

Requirement: A2/B1, Target level: C1

30 texts and 180 exercises

Topics: Mutual awareness and intercultural interrelations, inside and outside views from and of Germany, cultural contacts. Dealings with foreign cultures and experiences of being foreign.

GERMAN IDENTITIES

Requirement: A2/B1, Target level: C1

30 texts and 180 exercises

Topics: Historical and intercultural identity of Germany, its upheavals and new creation. Problems with identity construction from a historical and current perspective.

LANGUAGE AND SOCIETY

Requirement: A2/B1, Target level: C1

26 texts and 180 exercises

Topics: Relationship between language, thinking and reality. Language and culture. The German language system. Manifestation of German language: written language and dialects. Linguistic developments.

CUSTOMS – PRACTICES – TRADITIONS

Requirement: A2/B1, Target level: C1

22 texts and 120 exercises

Topics: German traditions and customs in a historical and current perspective. Their meaning for the image of Germany abroad.

GERMAN LITERATURE

Requirement: A2, Target level: C1/C2

60 texts and 240 exercises

Topics: The world of literature in Germany and its institutions. Eras in German literary history and their most important people. Extracts from literary texts from the 18th – 20th century.

ART – THEATRE – FILM

Requirement: A2/B1, Target level: C1

60 texts and 250 exercises

Topics: Art and architecture, theatre and film in Germany. Development trends and eras. Well-known buildings, art monuments, theatre and film, prominent personalities in Germany's cultural history,

CULTURE AND MEDIA

Requirement: A2/B1, Target level: C1/C2

60 texts and 250 exercises

Topics: Phenomena of everyday cultural past and present, pop and youth culture. Mass media in modern society. Selected questions about cultural theory and history. Current cultural developments in Germany.

EDUCATION – SOCIETY – RELIGION

Requirement: A2/B1, Target level: C1/C2

90 texts and 370 exercises

Topics: The educational landscape in Germany. Current problems in the development of schools, studies and vocational training in the context of general social developments. The church in Germany. Social developments and aspects of religious practice. Germany as a multi-confessional country.

GERMAN-RUSSIAN RELATIONSHIPS

Requirement: A2/B1, Target level: C1/C2

37 texts and 130 exercises

Topics: German-Russian relationships in culture, economics, politics, art and intellectual life in the historical

context of the 19th and 20th century. Germans in Russia – Russians in Germany, cultural influences and enrichments.

EDUCATION AND SCIENCE

Requirement: A2/B1, Target level: C1/C2

42 texts and 160 exercises

Topics: Educational institutions and careers in Germany, traditions in education and vocational training, new challenges in the context of career and science. Higher education institutions and structural change. Selected scientific areas and scientific discourse.

FAMOUS GERMANS

Requirement: A2/B1, Target level: C1/C2

30 texts and 100 exercises

Topics: Prominent personalities from German history, politics, culture, science, technology and church.

PHILOSOPHY AND INTELLECTUAL HISTORY

Requirement: A2/B1, Target level: C1/C2

30 texts and 110 exercises

Topics: Fundamental questions, approaches and methods in philosophy. German intellectual history eras. Current problems and challenges. Well-known philosophers and thinkers. Philosophy, religion and art. Ethics and value orientation.

GERMAN NON-STOP

GERMAN NON-STOP is a three-day, theme-oriented speaking practice course which is carried out with a total of 24 lessons (each 45 minutes). Each day 6 lessons take place in a small learning group and form the classroom training part of the course. In addition there are 2 hours of project and media work (films, presentations, cultural discussions) with the teacher as well as a further 2 hours of unassisted preparation and follow-up work.

At present GERMAN NON-STOP covers the following subject areas:

- Politics – Society – History
- The German Economy
- German Literature
- Art – Theatre – Film
- Education and science
- Technical German
- Germany in Europe / German- Russian relationships

A requirement of a GERMAN NON-STOP course is that the course participants have prepared the corresponding didactic course units on the LSI.online platform. Therewith GERMAN NON-STOP offers an efficient addition to autonomous online-learning. The speaking practice course is the second component of the blended learning concept at LSI.

GERMAN NON-STOP is carried out both at LSI in Bochum as well as an in-house course in Germany or abroad. By special agreement, two language practice courses can take place back-to-back. The course is taught by experienced teachers from the area of German as a foreign language. You can find all course dates for GERMAN NON-STOP on the LSI website (www.lsi-bochum.de). For information about in-house training in Germany or abroad, please contact us directly.

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