

Annex 1

How to learn German as fast as possible **- a short guide for students and mentors -**

Introduction

If you want to study at a German University, you need a good knowledge of the German language- level C1 with DSH certificate. The lectures for beginners at the universities in the vicinity – Duisburg/Essen, Bochum, Düsseldorf and Wuppertal- are generally in German, there are only some English lectures for master students of scientific subjects. It depends on your status as refugee which way to a professional course in German language is open for you (see introduction).

In the following, we list institutions offering language courses for students. These courses also close the gap between the integration courses (B1) and the C1 level.

- Garantiefonds

„Garantiefonds“ offers intensive language courses at Duisburg, which lead you from the B1 to the C1 level. They are free of charge. However, there are several prerequisites:

- you must have finished your high school (not necessarily an entitlement to visit a university, „ HZB „)
- your asylum proceedings must be completed, and you need at least an „ acceptance“ with a good perspective to stay, for example if you come from countries such as Syria or Iraq.
- you first have to apply for a date for guidance, which may take some time (contact Mrs. Wedding, 0201 839 14244)
- you have already reached the B1 level in German.

Forms to apply for guidance can be found at www.bildungsberatung-gfh.de or at bildungsberatung@jugendsozialarbeit.de, Tel 0211 9448529, or at bildungsberatung@jmd.essen.de

- Studienkolleg Bochum

Studienkolleg, Girondelle 80, 44799 Bochum can easily be reached by public transport (one station before Ruhr - University of Bochum, RUB) and offers German language courses

promoting you within one year from the A 1 to the C 1 level and preparing for the DSH-certificate. The courses start five times per year (the next one starts in October). If you have already some knowledge of German, you can start with the A 2 or B 1 level. There are tests at the beginning to evaluate your knowledge. The courses run from Monday to Friday from 8 -12.30h and twice in the afternoon . They are quite intensive. Forms to apply can be found on www.studienkolleg-bochum.de

If you want to study languages at the Studienkolleg, you need an entitlement to study at a German university, „ HZB,,. In the database www.anabin.kmk.org of the German state ministries for education you can check by countries whether your secondary school certificate , possibly in combination with your studies performed so far, entitle you to an „HZB,,. If you want to contact the Studienkolleg, you can do so under info@studienkolleg-bochum.de.

You have to pay 150 € for a language course and have the status of a pupil , so you can buy a „ Young Ticket Plus ,, for public transport at a reduced rate.

The „ Studienkolleg Bochum“ has an additional mission, that is the preparation of foreign students without an „ HZB ,,for a technical or scientific study. You have to pass an entrance examination and a knowledge of German at level B1 is needed. You then have the status of a student at the Ruhr - University of Bochum (RUB) and have to pay about 300 € per semestre, a ticket for public transport being included. The „ Studienkolleg ,, prepares you for the final examination to get an „ HZB“ .

Ruhr - University of Bochum (RUB)

The RUB offers 2 kinds of language courses:

- a) for beginners (A or A2) with a progress of 1 level per semestre (8 hours per week). You have to apply at the international office (see annex 3) until the end of Septembere for the winter semestre at the latest. You may also visit the international office during their consultation hours (Tuesday 10-12 a.m., Thursday 2-4 p.m.).
- b) an intensive course (20h per week) promoting to C1 with DSH examination. This course is only open for those who have visited at least one of the basic courses in order to check the determination to study. Please contact the international office ,see annex 3. You need a HZB.

University of Essen (UDE)

Language courses are offered which are open only for guest students enrolled at the university. The courses are intensive courses (20 h per week). You should contact Mrs. Enger at the international office, see annex 3.

University (FH) Ruhr-West, Mülheim

The „ Hochschule Ruhr-West“ offers intensive language courses (20h per week), promoting in 1,5 years from A1 to B2. The next course will start in Septembre. You need a HZB, and refugees living at Mülheim are preferred. You should contact Mrs. Boadu, see annex 3.

Haus der Kirche, Aussenstelle Borbeck

Intensive language courses are offered, but you might wait for several months for getting a place. You may contact 0201 6140056.