Carl Benz School of Engineering

German Language Courses

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Why learn German?

German is the language of Einstein, Mozart and Carl Benz. It ranges among the ten mostly spoken languages in the world. To know German is essential for making Karlsruhe your home away from home. Not only in daily life, but also in regard to your international career: Language skills will figuratively open doors for you. Therefore, Carl Benz School offers optional German courses as part of the curriculum.

Learning German gives you an understanding of German culture, history, and geography. Additionally, it facilitates your start into the German industry. Human resources managers generally expect applications in German – also for internships. Thus, we recommend starting to learn German right from the beginning of your studies.

Andrea Mann, German lecturer, teaches the DaF courses (German as a foreign language) at the International Department of the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology. You may choose from courses of levels A1, A2 & B1. For all other levels, there are additional classes offered by KIT.

A1, A2 & B1 classes are each divided into two separate seminars throughout the academic year. As a beginner, you can easily pass all three courses within six semesters. From the first lesson onwards, you are taught in German. Classes start in October and take place twice a week.

The DaF (Deutsch als Fremdsprache) language courses are structured according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) and are widely accepted.

Overview on Courses A1, A2 & B1

Understanding and usage of familiar expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type. Interaction in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly.

| Part 1 | Level A1.1 | 1 Semester, 4 ECTS |
| Part 2 | Level A1.2 | 1 Semester, 4 ECTS |
| Total:  | Level A1   | 8 ECTS |

Understanding of the sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic and familiar information, shopping, local geography, employment).

| Part 1 | Level A2.1 | 1 Semester, 4 ECTS |
| Part 2 | Level A2.2 | 1 Semester, 4 ECTS |
| Total:  | Level A2   | 8 ECTS |

Understanding of the main points of clear standard input in familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. Dealing with most situations likely to arise whilst traveling in an area where the language is spoken. Producing of simple connected texts on topics which are familiar or of personal interest.

| Part 1 | Level B1.1 | 1 Semester, 4 ECTS |
| Part 2 | Level B1.2 | 1 Semester, 4 ECTS |
| Total:  | Level B1   | 8 ECTS |

For courses A1, A2 & B2: http://www.carlbenschool.kit.edu/german_course.php