



Course Information 2018/19

GERMAN IMPROVERS

Start Date	19 th September 2018
Time	7.30pm until 9.00pm
Day of week	Wednesday
Number of Weeks	10
PLEASE NOTE CLASSES WILL NOT RUN DURING HALF TERM W/C 22 OCTOBER	
Venue	ELY COLLEGE
Course Fee	£82.50 Concessionary Fee: £ 60.00 Fees are payable by cash in person or cheque payable to Ely College
Course Level	Mixed Ability
Additional Course Cost (e.g. visits, materials, books, assessment fee, equipment)	We will be using a course book: Passwort Deutsch 4 ISBN: 978 - 3126764193 This German-German book, intended for learners of German of all nationalities, offers an insight into some very different German-speaking areas and how life is lived there. It provides a good mix of wide-ranging cultural background and key language revision and extension. It is accompanied by an audio CD for focused listening practice. We will access online dictionaries include www.leo.de in class and advice on dictionaries will also be offered at your first class.
Any skills or qualifications needed for entry to the class	A sound basic knowledge of German is needed, such as that gained on a previous course at post-Beginners' level, for example, from school or through having spent time in a German-speaking country.
Materials required for first class	Pen & paper
Course description - Including aims & objectives The course will encourage and enable you to develop your existing knowledge and ability in the language in ways most useful and interesting to you. We will extend themes including day to day life in contemporary German-speaking countries, as well as deepening knowledge of the people and their cultures and history, how they live and work and think. The course will include ongoing revision and consolidation of key grammar points. Each of the four main language skills will be developed, separately and together: Listening , using the CD accompanying the course book, and on-line radio and film; Speaking , with the emphasis on improving fluency and accuracy, moving from shorter, structured exchanges to free dialogues, conversations, and presentations; Reading , for detail and for gist, using a wide range of resources, including on-line news material and relevant examples of German literature.	

Writing, with the emphasis on clear communication and building an effective and individual style.

Learning outcomes: Teaching & Learning Methods Used

Teaching will focus on developing speaking skills through role play, discussion and presentation, based on wide-ranging listening and reading.

After each class you will be advised to revise what you have learned and to prepare vocabulary from reading, or a structured conversation for example, for the next class. You may be asked to do background research using German websites, with the aim of presenting your findings to the class.

How progress and success will be recorded:

There will be regular checks at the beginning and end of lessons and in the shape of short tests to enable you to monitor your own progress. Speaking in role plays and presentations will be recorded (with your agreement!), another way of letting you see and hear how you are progressing. Each learner will complete an individual tracker form to monitor their learning goals throughout the course.

Any further next steps

This course will continue in the Summer term providing demand is sufficient.

The most important thing now is to take every opportunity you have to develop your interest in German over the summer - and to look forward to being a learner of German in the autumn!

What else will you need to do	We ask all students to complete an enrolment form which asks for details required by the Education & Skills Funding Agency & the County Council and is a requirement of entry to the course. We ask for full payment prior to the course beginning. Please note refunds can only be made if a class is cancelled or closed.
What else do we ask of you	Please can you let us know if you have any attendance problems and if you are not able to attend the class (contact details below). We like to know if you have a problem.
How do we know if you are happy with your course	We will ask you to complete a course evaluation, giving us your feedback on the course, tutor & college. You are always welcome to feedback directly to us at any time during your course to help us improve our services & courses.

Some of our courses are subsidised by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) and part financed by the 2014-20 European Social Fund (ESF) programme. This funding is managed by Cambridgeshire County Council, Adult Learning and Skills. A short video covering the background of ESF, what it does, how it helps and who benefits is available on the European Union website: <http://ec.europa.eu/esf/home.jsp>

How we use your data

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/esfa-privacy-notice>

Safeguarding

Arrangements have been made to make sure that you are safe at our Centres. If you feel you are not safe for any reason, for example through verbal or physical abuse or you have been discriminated against, please tell your tutor or the Centre Manager, who will investigate to ensure your safety.

Equality and Diversity

We are fully committed to equality of opportunity and welcome enrolments from all adults aged 19+. We positively encourage all learners with any concerns about specific needs which might affect their learning to discuss their requirements with us in confidence. We believe that everyone is entitled to learn in an environment that is free from discriminatory behaviour so that we build a community based on mutual trust and respect. We will do our best to ensure that resources and equipment are accessible to all and make reasonable adjustments to ensure that all learners can access activities.

Cambridgeshire County Council, Adult Learning and Skills service supports a wide range of adult learning opportunities across Cambridgeshire. Search our website www.cambsals.co.uk for more information. We also deliver specific courses for adults with learning difficulties and disabilities. For more information about these

specific courses please call 01223 703530

National Careers Service (NCS)

Careers advice is available to all learners. The National Careers Service provides free information and advice on all aspects of learning, skills development and employment. Help is provided in a way that suits you, online, face to face or by telephone. Go to www.cambsals.co.uk and click on 'I need some advice' for more information or call our booking line on 0845 603 1059


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