

# Academic prep. in Germany



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As international interest in Germany's higher education opportunities have grown, so have the range of academic preparation courses available for students interested in this academic pathway.

The schools below offer a range of programmes in this sector, from pure exam preparation to courses focusing on study skills as well as language ability.

Location	Name of company	No. of start dates per year	Subject areas covered										Accommodation options				Minimum fees (US\$)					
			Study skills	Subject-specific studies	Academic reading/writing	Project work	Cultural studies	TestDaF preparation	DSH preparation	Min. age of students	Max. number of students	Min. hours of tuition per week	Min. length of course in wks	Social activities arranged?	Automatic entry into uni?	On campus	Host family	Private apartment	Student residence	Other	Lang tuition p/w	Accommodation p/w
Argenbuehl	Humboldt Institut	6		•			•		18	10	30	4	n	•	•	•	•	•	•	240 (30hrs)	req	✓
Augsberg	Augsberger Deutschkurse	5	•	•			•	•	16	14	20	4	i	•		•	•	f	117 (20hrs)	86	15-20*	
Berlin	Carl Duisberg Centrum	yr		•	•		•	•	18	15	18	4	i	•		•	•	f	222 (18hrs)	148	20*	
Berlin	Eurasia Institute	12	•	•	•	•	•	•	18	15	30	24	n	•	•	•	•	f	123 (30hrs)	62	15*	
Berlin	Friedländer-Schule	12	•	•	•	•	•	•	17	22	20	4	i		•	•	•		59 (20hrs)	56	n	
Berlin	International House	12					•	•	16	10	20	4	n	•	•	•			123 (20hrs)	160	15	
Cologne	Carl Duisberg Centrum	yr		•	•		•	•	18	15	18	4	i	•		•	•	f	222 (18hrs)	111	20*	
Dortmund	Carl Duisberg Centrum	yr		•	•		•	•	18	15	18	4	i	•		•	•		222 (18hrs)	105	20*	
Dresden	Inlingua School of Languages	4	•	•	•	•	•	•	18	8	20	12	n	•		•	•		185 (20hrs)	119	20*	
Frankfurt	Inlingua	12					•	•	18	15	20	4	n						123 (20hrs)		10*	
Hamburg	Tandem Hamburg Int. Language School	6	•	•	•		•	•	18	12	20	4	i	•	•				154 (20hrs)	104	20	
Hamminkeln-Dingden	Akademie Klausenhof	6					•	•	18	20	30	8	n	•	•				179 (30hrs)	99	10*	
Heidelberg	F+U Academy of Languages	yr	•	•	•	•	•	•	16	12	20	1	i	•	•	•	•		99 (20hrs)	62	20*	
Heidelberg	HSF - Heidelberger Sprachinstitut	yr	•	•	•	•	•	•	17	9	25	2	n	•	•	•	f		195 (25hrs)	102	20*	
Lindau	Dialoge	-					•	•	17	11	20	4	b	•	•	•			185 (20hrs)	68	20	
Munich	BWS Germanlingua	yr	•	•	•	•	•	•	16	12	15	1	n	•	•	•	h		235 (15hrs)	148	20	
Munich	Carl Duisberg Centrum	yr		•	•		•	•	18	15	18	4	i	•		•	•		222 (18hrs)	148	20*	
Munich	Inlingua	4	•	•			•	•	16	v	26	8	a		•	•	h		301 (26hrs)	191	20*	
Münster	Kapito Sprachschule	6	•	•	•	•	•	•	18	10	24	16	n	•	•	•	f		148 (24hrs)	77	15*	
Radolfzell	Carl Duisberg Centrum	yr		•	•		•	•	18	15	18	4	i	•		•	•		222 (18hrs)	99	20*	
Regensburg	Horizonte	24					•	•	17	12	20	4	n	•	•	•			247 (20hrs)	198	20*	
Regensburg	Institut für Ganzheitliches Lernen	12	•	•	•	•	•	•	16	12	20	2	n	•	•	•	h		185 (20hrs)	173	5*	
Stuttgart	Anglo-German Institute	yr	•	•			•	•	18	5	15	10	n	•	•	•			204 (15hrs)	154	20*	
various	DID Deutsch-Institut	17	•	•	•	•	•	•	17	15	20	4	n	•	•	•			142 (20hrs)	130	5-20	

a advanced b beginners e elementary f flat-share h hotel/hostel i intermediate n none req on request v varies yr year round \* on tuition only

## Course Guide

The table above is a general guide only to a selection of schools in Germany offering academic prep. courses for international students. All facts should be checked with the individual schools listed. For a school's contact details, please email us with its name, location and the reference: "Course Guide JUL/06"

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# French and cookery

Language schools are increasingly adding value to their courses by offering further instruction in a range of activities. In France, interest in the country's cuisine means that French and cookery courses are becoming common.

France is strongly associated with its national cuisine and this aspect of the country's identity is a principal attraction for visitors. Many of the different regions in France have their own gastronomic specialities and for local language schools, offering students the chance to obtain first-hand experience of French cuisine as well as French language tuition is a natural course progression.

At French in Normandy in Rouen, French and cookery courses have been on the menu since 1993. "The French language is no longer the favoured diplomatic language nor the international passport that English has become so we tried to think of an angle that would encapsulate the French language and the way of life, make the most of the excellent destination that Normandy offers and generally promote France and the French language," explains Eleri Maitland at the school.

At the Association Périgord Linguistique et Culturel in Périgueux, the region's gastronomic specialities also influenced the creation of a combined French and cooking course two years ago. "The Dordogne is famous for foie gras pâté, truffle, duck and goose confit and Bergerac wines" says Françoise Lipchitz at the school, who explains that their course offers students the opportunity to experience a distinctive local lifestyle. "The students who are attending these courses are more mature and they want to get more into the Périgord lifestyle," she says. "They like to go to the market, buy themselves the goods, like real Périgordians."

For some schools, offering specific activity courses such as French and cooking means that they are able to tap into a new client base and boost numbers outside the high season. Florence Delseny Sobra at Alfmed in Perpignan says that French and cooking is a very recent addition to their portfolio. "Our sport combination programmes are perfect for juniors and students but we needed something more cultural for the adults and seniors," she says. "We have the gastronomy know-how in our region, good products and good wine, recognised professionals and a healthy climate."

The majority of schools point out that French and cuisine courses offer students a very relaxed language learning experience, while also teaching a new skill. However, a significant trend in this sector is the increasing demand for more professional cooking courses, as Gérard Nadjar Storck from Langue Onze in Toulouse observes.

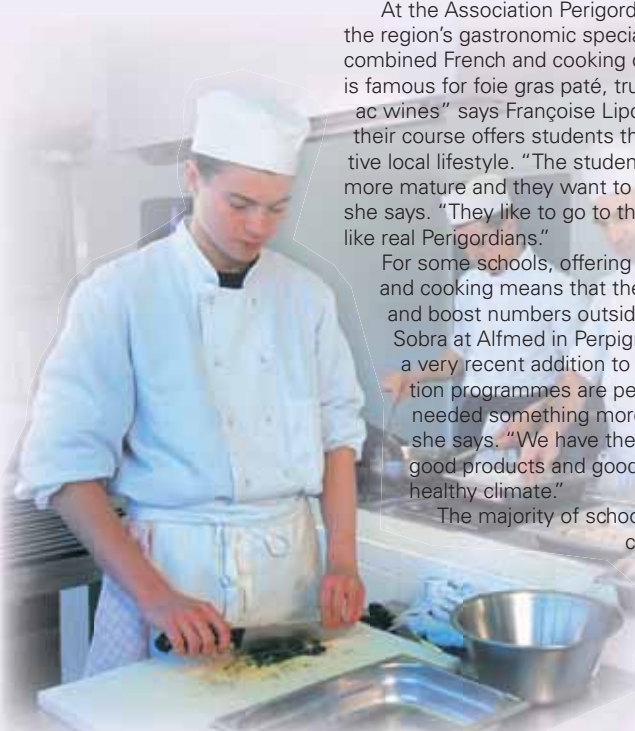
"We noticed that students have been asking for some time to have professional cooking courses and not only [introductory] courses," he says. "They want the teacher to be a chef to show them how to prepare an authentic French meal."

At the beginning of the year, Langue Onze teamed up with a French cooking and oenology (study of wine) school in Toulouse to provide professional cookery courses for students, taught by a top chef. "All our professional French cookery and oenology courses include the preparation of the recipe, the discovery and explanation of the vocabulary and the cooking of a French meal," says Nadjar Storck. "It enables the students to discover the French culture and gastronomy as well as learning new words."

At French in Normandy, French and cuisine courses are offered as part of a language and leisure option for students, or also as three-, six- or nine-month certificate courses, run in conjunction with the Rouen Chamber of Commerce Cookery Institute. "France clearly still has a fabulous reputation for cuisine and food and drink so students see it as a good career move to come here and go home with a professional qualification," says Maitland.

With more language schools starting to offer such programmes as part of their course range, courses are becoming more wide-ranging and inventive. Maitland says that they have already run French & sausage making, French & fish and French & cheese courses, and French with country cooking, pastry making or chocolate making are all offered at other schools in the country.

Damien Renaux from BLS in Bordeaux believes that French and cookery courses are an ideal combination to enhance learning. "Our cookery class pushes the student to learn in a very practical way," he says.



PHOTOGRAPH: FRENCH IN NORMANDY

## Selection of programmes available

School location	Name of school	No. of start dates p/y	Min. length in weeks	Max. no. of people	Min. hours tuition per/awk	
					Language	Cooking
Aix-en-Provence	IS Aix-en-Provence	6	2	10	15	11
Angers	Ecolangues	4	1	8	12	16
Bordeaux	BLS	10	1	12	22	12
Gaillac	Ateliers Linguistiques du Tarn	6	1	6	–	–
Haute-Loire	Cevenol Work-Study Camp	1	3	20	5	3
Marseille	Alliance Française	–	2	10	10	6
Megeve	Cifel Jeunes Diplomates	yr	1	5	10	3
Montpellier	Accent Français	yr	1	6	20	6
Montpellier	Odyessa: Institut Européen de Français	1	1	10	15	6
Mouans-Sartoux	France Homestays	s	1	8	15	v

School location	Name of school	No. of start dates p/y	Min. length in weeks	Max. no. of people	Min. hours tuition per/awk	
					Language	Cooking
Nice	France Langue	12	1	6	–	–
Noves	Parlons en Provence	25	1	5	18	5
Paris	Institut Langue Française	12	2	12	10	6
Périgord	Association Périgord Linguistique et Culturel	4	4	10	10	10
Perpignan	Académie de Lang. France Méditerranée (Alfmed)	5	2	8	15	18
Roanne	Ecole des Trois Ponts	9	1	10	15	15
Rouen	French in Normandy	yr	1	12	15	9
Saint-Malo	Centre d'Etude des Langues	2	2	12	15	15
Toulouse	Langue Onze	yr	2	v	20	3
Vendée	Le Poyerval	3	1	6	15	12

s summer only yr year round v varies – information not supplied