

What is ISZ Saar?

ISZ Saar (International Study Centre Saar) is situated directly at the centre of the Saarland University campus. It has the task of ensuring that international students are able to begin their studies successfully. To prepare international applicants with the language and academic skills required for their studies, we offer extensive German language and foundation courses. By attending our courses, international applicants can study in Germany even if their higher education entrance qualification is not recognized. ISZ Saar is the only centre of its kind in Germany that offers German language courses at all proficiency levels free of charge, including courses for applicants without knowledge of German. Furthermore, ISZ Saar offers a wide range of courses including workshops and seminars that have been specially designed to help new international students find their way and study successfully at Saarland University. In-session courses are intended for all international Bachelor's and Master's degree students and all international doctoral candidates at Saarland University.

Courses offered:

Intensive German preparatory courses for all proficiency levels (including DSH* exams for applicants with a recognized higher education entrance qualification). *DSH = Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang

International foundation programme VSi MINT Preparatory courses in German, Mathematics and Physics for applicants who want to study a STEM (science, technical, engineering, mathematics) subject at Saarland University and do not have a recognized higher education entrance qualification.

In-session German language courses for different proficiency levels: Short intensive courses before the start of the semester and in-session courses during the main teaching period (mostly between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.): in particular for exchange students (Erasmus, Eastern European partner universities, direct exchange) but also for students who have passed the DSH exam.

Workshops and seminars supporting international students during the orientation phase (for example intercultural training, scientific and academic working practices, academic writing and learning strategies).



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ISZ Saar (International Study Centre Saar)

In-session and preparatory courses
for international students



For a successful start to your studies

Preparing international applicants for a degree at Saarland University and providing ongoing support to international students in the initial phase of their academic programme is the task of ISZ Saar (International Study Centre Saar). Our courses offer guidance and orientation advice to international applicants and equip them with the requisite language and academic skills for studying successfully at Saarland University.

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Preparatory German courses and foundation courses

To study in Germany you will need a higher education entrance qualification recognized by anabin (<https://anabin.kmk.org/anabin.html>) and proof of German language proficiency (DSH exam). Both qualifications are offered by ISZ Saar (International Study Centre Saar) at Saarland University and may be taken by applicants preparing to study at the University. The courses are free of charge. Applicants may participate in these courses if they have applied to study their chosen academic programme (at Saarland University or htw saar) within the application deadline and applied for the preparatory German course and received confirmation of their place or if they are studying as part of an exchange or partnership programme (at Saarland University or htw saar).

Courses offered

- _ Preparatory German courses at levels A0 to C1 (also for complete beginners) These courses prepare applicants for the DSH exam (Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang). Contact hours: 20–26 hours per week
- _ Preparatory courses in German, Mathematics and Physics in the international foundation programme VSi MINT. The international foundation programme VSi MINT has been designed to enable candidates who do not have a recognized higher education entrance qualification and whose German is not yet proficient enough for normal study to join Saarland University's special 'Bachelor Plus MINT' programme. Contact hours: 15 hours per week, combined with a level B2/C1 German course.
- _ Optional modules for comprehensive preparation to supplement the German course, for example Mediation, Intercultural Communication, Uni+Deutsch
- _ German tutorial: a supervised tutorial will be held in addition to the German course on three afternoons with digital and analogue material.

Examinations

- _ DSH – Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang (Fee: 100 euros)
- _ International foundation programme VSi MINT (free of charge)

Further information:

www.uni-saarland.de/einrichtung/isz-saar/start/dsh-kurse.html

www.uni-saarland.de/einrichtung/isz-saar/start/vsi-mint.html

In-sessional German language courses

In-sessional courses are intended for all international students (Bachelor's and Master's degree, Erasmus and partner programmes). The courses teach both **general and specific language skills** and are **usually free of charge**.

In-sessional courses

- _ **General language courses** (2x 90 min. per week, 6 ECTS credits)
 - Beginners' course
 - Language courses at CEFR levels A2 to C1
- _ **Special skills courses** (1x 90 min. per week, 3 ECTS credits)
 - Grammar (A2/B1, B1/B2, B2/C1)
 - Conversation course (A2/B1, B2/C1)
 - Phonetics (A2+ and above)
 - German cultural studies (B1+ and above)
 - German for business and economics (B1+ and above)
 - German for technical purposes (B1+ and above)
 - German for academic purposes: Writing and presenting (B1+ and above)

Information and registration:

www.uni-saarland.de/global/deutschkurse/semesterkurse.html

Each year in **March, September and October** ISZ Saar runs an **intensive German course** that is designed to meet the needs of Erasmus and other exchange students and that helps them prepare effectively for study at Saarland University. The course fees **range from 80 euros to 250 euros**.

Short intensive courses

- _ Intensive German language course in March or September: 80 hours (6 ECTS credits)
- _ Intensive German language course in October: 40 hours (0 ECTS credits)

Information and registration:

www.uni-saarland.de/global/deutschkurse/kurzintensiv.html

In-sessional courses in international academic culture (Wissenschaft und Wissenschaftskulturen international)

These courses impart academic knowledge and skills that facilitate orientation and integration at Saarland University and that are relevant for scientific and academic work.

They are intended for international Bachelor's and Master's students as well as doctoral candidates at all faculties. The courses are free of charge.

Workshops and seminars:

- The German Academic System
- Learning Strategies – Reading Techniques – Writing Techniques
- Intercultural Competence for Studying at UoS
- Writing for Academic Purposes
- German Writing Workshop (academic writing, writing advice)
- Internship Application Training (offered in cooperation with the Career Center at Saarland University)

The courses are offered in cooperation with the Centre for Lifelong Learning (CELL) at Saarland University.

Information and registration:

www.uni-saarland.de/einrichtung/isz-saar/start/wissenschaft-international.html

www.uni-saarland.de/einrichtung/zell/schlusselkompetenzen.html

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