

## HWR Berlin Summer School 2024 Pre-Course

# Get ready for Berlin: Online German Language Crash Course

### Overview

This one-week German pre-course prepares students for a smooth landing in Berlin. They will learn the basics of the language, background information on the city, the country and German culture, as well as which sights not to miss – all before arriving in Berlin and while getting to know their fellow summer school students.

This pre-course can only be selected in combination with a regular summer school programme.

### Date

13 – 21 June 2024

+ 4-week programme 23 June – 20 July:

- + **The European Union in a Global World**
- + **European Business and Economics Programme**

+ 3-week programme 30 June – 20 July:

- + **Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management in Germany**
- + **Markets & Management in Europe**
- + **How Europe Works: Institutions & Law in the EU**

### Course Content

- initial skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing
- first knowledge about Berlin and German culture

### The course programme also includes:

- one on-site lesson (to take place during the subsequent 3- or 4- week HWR Berlin Summer School programme)

### Course Language

German and English

### Prerequisites

Open for all HWR Berlin Summer School students (except regular language classes)

### Number of Participants

20

### Course Fees

€ 170

This includes tuition and programme fee.

### Credits

- 25 contact hours
- 1 ECTS credit

### Registration Deadline

- 1 April 2024
- 15 March 2024 for nominated students from partner universities
- Option may be added in your online application

### Contact, Enquiries and Registration

HWR Berlin Summer and Winter School

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# Syllabus

Within seven days of classes, students will develop initial skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing, and gain first knowledge about Berlin and German culture. By the end of the course participants will be able to understand and use everyday expressions and simple phrases aimed at satisfying concrete needs.

Students will

- be able to introduce themselves and others and ask others questions about themselves and respond to questions of this type.
- be able to communicate in a simple way if the interlocutor speaks slowly and clearly and is willing to help.
- be able to understand basic oral contributions concerning everyday situations.
- have developed reading strategies to help navigate the university and cityscape and understand simple clues and signage.
- be able to create short texts, e.g. about themselves, about their home region, about intercultural comparisons.

For a more detailed syllabus, please email [summer@hwr-berlin.de](mailto:summer@hwr-berlin.de)

## Course delivery

The course will be delivered online on six teaching days with 4 teaching units per day. Of these, 2 will take place as live (synchronous) meetings. For another 2 teaching units, students will receive assignments in Moodle that they can work on asynchronously.

The seventh day (after the arrival in Berlin) is delivered on-site at the HWR Berlin campus.

The course works without a textbook. All course materials are provided in Moodle.

## Schedule

Day	Values and Politics of the European Union
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Virtual Welcome</li><li>• Alphabet, numbers, greeting, introduction, personal pronouns</li></ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Verb conjugation in the present tense, numbers, W-questions, Yes/No questions, <i>to like</i> something</li></ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Time, Yes-/No questions, <i>to have, to be, to become</i> objects</li></ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Languages, countries</li><li>• Negation with <i>nicht</i> and <i>kein</i></li><li>• Temporal and local statements</li></ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Favourite places</li><li>• Verbs with akk. objects</li><li>• Berlin</li><li>• Test</li></ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shopping, food, leisure time activities, verbs</li></ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On-site language lesson</li><li>• Practice speaking in the group!</li></ul>