

German Matters Five Steps Towards Proficiency

A very intensive German program for dedicated students with a clear vision for a unique opportunity
You complete level B1, intermediate German, ready to begin level B2 (CEFR) within three semesters of your master's program. The courses take place both during the semester as well as during the semester breaks. Up to 75 places are available for participants who are highly motivated to gain a firm knowledge of German within a short period of time.

The concept behind the program – its key for success
Your lecturers are here to support you in your endeavors to learn German. In personal consultations, we will find flexible and individual solutions on how to combine German Matters with your demanding master's degree curriculum. Our tutors will join you in some free time activities outside the classroom and our mentors can help you start your very own social and professional network. Additionally, two workshops will hone your intercultural skills, as will the **Fit for the Job** seminar, with its focus on strategies for communicating effectively in a German working environment. German Matters will pave your way to a successful academic and professional experience in Germany.

Voices from Industry - assembled with the kind assistance of Alumni & Career

Mr Markus Hartinger, graduate from the TUM and founder of an IT business with 150 employees:
"I find it amazing how many graduates enter the German job market without German skills, even after having lived and studied here for several years. Therefore, job opportunities are considerably limited for these otherwise top qualified people. Our clients expect to communicate in German. Even though it is theoretically possible to switch from German to English in multinational teams, it just doesn't feel natural."

Mr Radek Janku (engineer) from the Czech Republic studied Architecture at the TUM between 2000–2002:
"German is very clear and convincing. It is an ideal instrument for business negotiations. There is a lot to discover in Germany."

Ms Tsvetana Marinova (M.Sc.) from Bulgaria studied Information Systems at the TUM between 2008–2013:
"It is worth studying German if you want to properly enjoy life in Munich and if you want to be successful in your job."

Mr Ersin Dogruguvan (M.Sc.) from Turkey studied Electrical Engineering at TUM between 2007–2008 and is head of the R&D department for international projects:
"The German language helped to create a friendly atmosphere and also helped me to be respected by all parties. German will make the difference for professional success; therefore it is worth studying German for a year to be one step ahead in your work life."

Your alternatives

Please also consider the large variety of German courses offered to you by TUM Language Center on all three TUM Campuses.
For further information, refer to our website www.tum.de/daf

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Why German matters

Together with your degree, our **German Matters** program will give you the unique opportunity to gain marketable skills in German and a substantial insight into the general and professional cultures of Germany. The Certificate of Competency in German, awarded at the end of this program, will help you become a valuable asset to any German company or any international project team. Good German skills are a great help when cooperating with German professionals or researchers regardless of where your future career will take you. TUM offers this program to you free of charge.

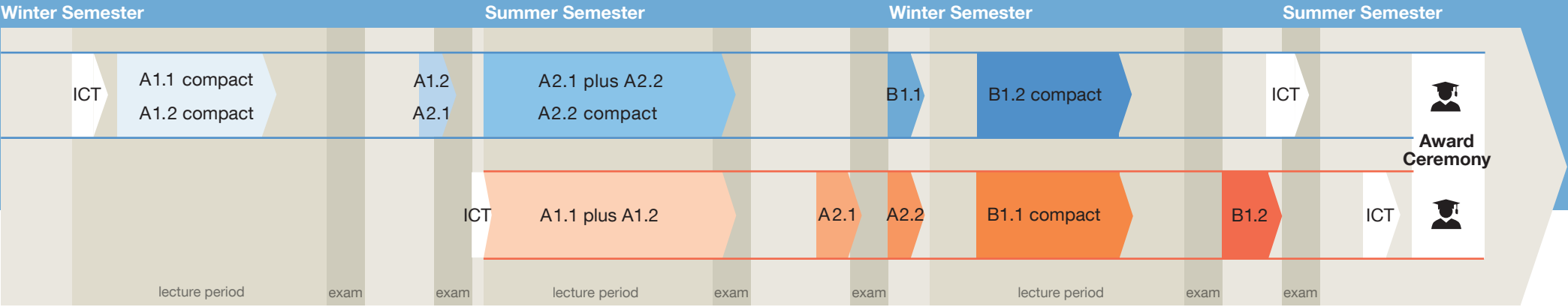
For International Students in Master's
Programs in English, Campus Garching

Your five steps towards proficiency – step by step

The **German Matters** program has been carefully designed to fit with your master's program and to allow for internships and part-time jobs in the lecture free periods. Courses during the semester usually take place in the evenings to avoid interference with your regular degree program and for the most part do not overlap with the main exam periods. Compact courses take place during the semester and last only 9 weeks. Courses usually cover half a level. Every program includes one **plus-course** covering an entire level.

Why you can do it

- Courses are planned so that they should not interfere with your degree program or your exam times.
- You also take advantage of the semester breaks, when you are free to concentrate on German in a more relaxed way.
- We will support your studies with an e-learning platform, study groups and counselling.



For students starting their master’s program in the autumn:

Date	Courses	Schedule
Lecture free period: October	Introduction Intercultural Training (ICT)	
Lecture period: Oct - Jan	A1.1 compact A1.2 compact	9 weeks twice a week 18:00 – 20:30
Lecture free period: April	A1.2 A2.1	2 weeks 5x per week 9:00 – 13:15
Lecture period: April - July / May - July	A2.1 plus A2.2 A2.2 compact	14 weeks/10 weeks twice a week 18:00 – 20:30
Lecture free period: October	B1.1	2 weeks 5x per week 9:00 – 13:15
Lecture period: Oct - Jan	B1.2 compact	9 weeks twice a week 18:00 – 20:30
Lecture free period: March Lecture period: May	Fit for the Job Intercultural Training (ICT) Award Ceremony	2 weekends Friday - Sunday

subject to alterations

For students starting their master’s program in the spring:

Date	Courses	Schedule
Lecture free period: April	Introduction Intercultural Training (ICT)	
Lecture period: April - July	A1.1 plus A1.2	14 weeks twice a week 18:00 – 20:30
Lecture free period: September	A2.1	3 weeks 4x per week 9:00 – 13:15
Lecture free period: October	A2.2	2 weeks 5x per week 9:00 – 13:15
Lecture period: Oct - Jan	B1.1 compact	9 weeks twice a week 18:00 – 20:30
Lecture free period: March	B1.2	4 weeks 3 – 4x per week 17:00 – 20:15
Lecture period: May Lecture period: May	Fit for the Job Intercultural Training (ICT) Award Ceremony	2 weekends Friday - Sunday

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Your advantages at a glance

- Completion of level B1, intermediate German, ready to begin level B2 (CEFR), with an introduction to German for professional purposes
- Intercultural Communication Skills
- Fit for the Job-Seminar: Strategies for communicating successfully in a German professional environment
- Class schedules tailored to fit your regular degree courses and allowing for internships or part-time jobs during semester breaks
- A guaranteed place throughout the program, whereas participants of our regular courses are admitted on a first come first served basis
- A chance to feel at home in Germany much faster

All participants are awarded a Certificate of Competency in German from TUM.

German Matters – who is welcome to apply?

Candidates who envision a job in the German labor market, at a German University or in companies doing business in Germany. In the pilot phase of the program, places are limited to international students of the Computer Science and Physics departments in master’s programs in English at TUM Campus Garching.

How to apply for the program

This program is not only very intensive, but also very rewarding. Therefore, applicants are carefully selected on the basis of a specific statement of motivation. For detailed information on the course schedules of **German Matters**, requirements and application dates, please refer to our website. www.tum.de/germanmatters

For individual inquiries, please contact our team. germanmatters@zv.tum.de