

Work related program ERASMUS+ teacher

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Language + Sustainability in daily life for teachers of German as a foreign language

Course Ref
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Entry Levels
CEF German B1 to C1

Teaching Sessions
25 lessons per week

**Total course
contact hours**
18.75 hours per week

Maximum class size
12

This course is of significant benefit to teachers who are non-native speakers of German who wish to:

- **Develop their language skills to improve their ability to teach German**
- **Explore methods to inspire and motivate their students in all types of classes, whether general subject tuition, CLIL or FLE***
- **Make learning interesting despite so many competing demands in school by delivering varied and motivating content lessons in and outside the classroom**
- **Share ideas with colleagues from across Europe, improving teaching in their schools and their learners' outcome**
- **Achieve greater student engagement in learning**
- **Teach of sustainability content such as environmental awareness, nature conservation, waste avoidance and recycling, regional production depending on the season and current news topics**
- **Sharpen the sense of sustainability, especially in real life. How can one support the environment in his/her daily life?**
- **Enhance communication in German between teachers and students**

*Suitable also for primary school teachers using a theme-based curriculum

Objectives

- To help increase participants' abilities and improve confidence to teach and communicate in German efficiently and successfully
- To develop and consolidate participants' own language skills
- To gain additional cultural knowledge and skill which could be used to enhance language teaching
- To cover a range of subjects including concrete everyday environmental issues including biology, geography, sociology as well as international relations with a focus on ways to make them accessible to students
- Discover concrete examples of sustainability especially in everyday life of learners
- To improve students' motivation
- To promote awareness of contemporary German
- To establish connections between teachers from a variety of European backgrounds which facilitates future networking and partnership potential
- To make lessons more creative and interactive

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Preparation

Pre-Course Preparative Modalities:

- On-line Language Level Assessment
- Needs Analysis
- Pre-Course Reading List
- On-Line Participants' Forum (Dialogue Erasmus+ on Facebook)
- Pre-Course Cultural Counselling
- Pre-Course German Practical Arrangements

Practical Arrangements

Intra-Course Modalities offered by the Course Provider

- Course tutor
- Pedagogic learning materials included
- Setting of learning objectives
- Ongoing assessment and evaluation including feedback on progress
- Guidance and advice on homework exercises
- Contact person
- Accommodation Service
- Emergency number at the weekend
- Optional additional language workshop every day
- City orientation tour and welcome activity
- Access to school study and media center

Outcomes

- Enhanced German language skills: reading, writing, listening, speaking, fluency and accuracy
- Greater awareness and knowledge of German culture, art and daily life
- Improved confidence in using a foreign language in the class
- Teamwork, interpersonal attributes
- Knowledge of other European education systems
- Better understanding of students' needs and behaviors in class
- Knowledge of Erasmus+ potential for professional development
- Tools to make classroom teaching more interactive
- Ideas that make the complex topic of sustainability simple and easy to teach in German lessons

Follow Up Provided

Post-Course Modalities

- A certificate of attendance and achievement
- Europass Mobility
- End of course test and program evaluation
- Post-course forum
- Possibility to continue with Online Classes

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Course Content

The afternoon module is a multidisciplinary course. It enables participants to bring creativity and their own ideas into the classroom and gives them the opportunity to think outside the box.

Learners are encouraged to question their behaviour in daily life and to scan their surroundings through the "sustainability lens". The senses are strengthened.

The topic of sustainability in everyday life is being perceived in a new way. How do I contribute to sustainable business as a consumer and citizen? These and other questions are addressed based on specific environmental protection projects at the Lake of Constance. Regional food production is discussed as well.

The participants are given a variety of options and methods to apply during their German lessons based on topics and projects to complement activities in a varied and targeted manner. This shows how interdisciplinary work can be integrated into lessons without a lot of effort and time.

Intensive German

Small group teaching, allowing concentrated, thorough study of German, developing all aspects of German - listening, speaking, reading and writing. Language skills learned enable participants to teach and communicate in German efficiently and successfully.

Sustainability

Sustainability in daily life gives students the possibility to think out of the box, be creative and bring in their own ideas. The awareness raising of senses will be strengthened. Daily routines in school and at home, family house and garden will be perceived in a new way. How interdisciplinary work can be integrated in class without putting a lot of effort and time will be shown.

Sample Program – 25 lessons per week

This is a sample schedule which may be adapted to suit the participants' needs.

Course duration 1 to 4 weeks – course contact hours: 18.75 hours per week.

Two-Week course – Total number of course contact hours: 37.5 hours.

Week 1	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
08:30	Welcome testing & Evaluation				
09:00 – 12:30	Intensive German lessons will be topic based with new language being presented through a variety of listening, speaking and reading tasks. The lessons will follow an integrated approach to enable all 4 skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) to be developed. Morning lessons will involve grammar presentation and practice, as well as activities to help with the acquisition of key vocabulary.				
Lunch Break					
13:30 – 15:25	Language and Sustainability in daily life: Raising awareness	Free afternoon for self-study or optional activities	Language and Sustainability in daily life: projects	Free afternoon for self-study or optional activities	Free afternoon for self-study or optional activities
Saturday & Sunday: INFORMAL LEARNING: Personal research, cultural visits and activities, practising language skills					
Week 2	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
09:00 – 12:30	Intensive German lessons will be topic based with new language being presented through a variety of listening, speaking and reading tasks. The lessons will follow an integrated approach to enable all 4 skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) to be developed. Morning lessons will involve grammar presentation and practice, as well as activities to help with the acquisition of key vocabulary.				
Lunch Break					
13:30 – 15:25	Language and Sustainability in daily life: excursion preparation	Free afternoon for self-study or optional activities	Language and Sustainability in daily life: excursion	Free afternoon for self-study or optional activities	Free afternoon for self-study or optional activities
Saturday & Sunday: CULTURAL TRIP: One Full Day Excursion included in 2-Week Course (optional For 1-Week course)					

This course can be extended for up to 4 weeks – maximum 75 course contact hours.

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