German as a Foreign Language for Exchange Students

- The joint Language Center of the University of Zurich and ETH Zurich offers courses in German as a Foreign Language at all levels of proficiency.
- You need to register on the Language Center website for all courses! We recommend registering at the beginning of the registration period. Please state on the registration form that you are an exchange student.
- Information about courses and online registration may be found at [www.sprachenzentrum.uzh.ch](http://www.sprachenzentrum.uzh.ch).
- All students may register for one German course per semester. In addition, you may attend one of our lecture courses on grammar or vocabulary.
- The Language Center also offers intensive courses in the semester holidays (two weeks before the beginning of the semester). The courses are offered at several levels of proficiency: beginner (A1), three levels of post-beginner (A1.2–A2.2) and three or four groups at level B (B1.1–B2.2). Register for intensive courses as well online on our website. (See dates of registration there and remember to register early!)
  The registration fee for all intensive courses is CHF 100.00
- All courses are assigned clearly defined levels of proficiency (following the descriptors of the Council of Europe A1–C2). Please assess your level using these descriptors before choosing a course. The level descriptors can also be found on our website [www.sprachenzentrum.uzh.ch](http://www.sprachenzentrum.uzh.ch).
- Please remember that you will benefit most from a course designed for your level of proficiency.
- You are expected to attend courses regularly and to invest several hours every week for independent study. If you miss the first class of the semester without notifying the Language Center in advance, your place will go to a student on the waiting list.
- You will receive a certificate with a mark from the Language Center if you attend classes regularly and attain a passing mark in the formal assessment process. As a rule, our semester-courses are two lessons per week and upon successful completion are awarded 2 ECTS points.
- Language Center courses are free for students, apart from the costs for photocopies and other course materials. For the pre-semester intensive courses you have to pay a registration fee of CHF 100.00