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**Let's speak German!**  
German classes at Academia International School Basel



# Years 7 and 8

## Non-native & native German speakers

High exposure to German as a first/second language with integration of content in Project Based Learning.

Aim: Keep all options open while benefitting from a high quality international education.		
	German Language Classes	Project based learning in German
<b>Number of lessons</b>	3x 65 min. per week (Years 7 & 8)	2 x 65 min. per week (Year 7) 3 x 65 min. per week (Year 8)
<b>Pathways</b>	Seperate classes for - German as a first language - German as a second language	Mixed level and highly differentiated
<b>Learning Content</b>	- German as a first language: Further development of language skills in all areas - German as a second language: Targeted development of language skills in German	German through Project Based Learning: - focus on competencies as well as academic content - content specific vocabulary

### At the end of Year 8 students will

- ☉ have the option of continuing onto our upper secondary school to embark on a 4 year programme to International A Levels and obtaining an international qualification recognised by universities in Switzerland and around the world.
- ☉ have the possibility to transition over to our fully German programme in Reinach to receive focussed preparation for a vocational path and reintegration to the Swiss system.

# Years 9 to 12

## Native German speakers

Non-native speakers with a bilingual or German educational background (e.g. Years 7 and 8 at our school) may be able to take the native speaker track. This is determined by assessment.

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	Regular Classes	Optional Classes
<b>Year 9</b>	2 x 65 min. per week: IGCSE (1st language)	
<b>Year 10</b>	2 x 65 min. per week: IGCSE (1st language) leading to German IGCSE 1st language	
<b>Year 11</b>	2 x 65 min. per week: A/S level (1st language class) leading to German A/S 2nd language (Cambridge)	
<b>Year 12</b>	2 x 65 min per week: A level (1st language class) leading to German A Level 2nd language (Cambridge)	1x 65 Min. per week: extended essay / academic writing ("Mini-Maturaarbeit")

### IGCSE-programme German as a first language

The students work on the content of their first language, such as techniques of text analysis, writing various text types on a high linguistic level, developing their active vocabulary and using various complex sentence structures.

At the end of this two-year programme, students take the IGCSE German First Language exam (Cambridge).

### Optional classes

Native speakers can choose to join our elective Writing (extended essays) to further work on their language skills.

### AS- and A-programme German

As the Cambridge A/S and A-Level-exams in German test second language skills, our German native speakers have the opportunity to achieve very high results in these exams. In order to provide the most appropriate programme and feedback for our native speakers, the teaching and learning content and assessment is adapted to a native-speaking audience and is reflected in the certificates. Students are thus given every opportunity to consolidate the content learned in the two-year-IGCSE-course.

# Years 9 to 12

## Non-native German speakers

A basic level A1 of German is requested to join the standard classes which lead to the IGCSE. Booster lessons can start at A1 and at any level, as it is not dependent on regular classes.

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	Regular Classes	Booster Lessons
<b>Year 9</b>	2 x 65 min. per week: IGCSE (2nd language)	3 x 65 min. per week: telc language preparation telc A2
<b>Year 10</b>	2 x 65 min. per week: IGCSE 2nd language leading to German IGCSE 2nd language	3 x 65 min. per week: telc language preparation telc B1/B2
<b>Year 11</b>	3 x 65 min. per week: A/S 2nd language class leading to German A/S 2nd language (Pearson)	3 x 65 min. per week: telc language preparation telc B2
<b>Year 12</b>	3 x 65 min. per week: A Level 2nd language class leading to German A Level 2nd language (Pearson)	3 x 65 min. per week: telc language preparation telc B2/C1

### IGCSE-programme German as a second language

The students work on the content that provides opportunities to gain skills that will support progression to further study of German and enhance future educational or employment prospects. The topics covered are diverse and based on contexts that students are likely to encounter in their everyday life. Culturally sensitive and authentic reading and listening are used throughout.

### AS- and A-programme German

Our non-native speakers continue to build their language skills and prepare for their AS- and A-Level exams. In order to profit the most from these language lessons classes for native and non-native speakers are separate.

### Booster lessons German

Our booster lessons focus solely on developing language skills (speaking, reading, writing and listening). The Booster lessons do not prepare for an academic exam, but for an optional language exam (telc A1 to C2) which is recognised by Swiss and German universities for admission purposes.

### Please note.

If Swiss or German university is your aim we highly recommend supplementing German classes with classes at our language school and/ or taking an intensive German language holiday course during one of the school holidays. A benefit of our system compared to the IB and Swiss Matura is that you will have more time to focus on your German in the final 2 years.