

German

The list of topics is indicative only (as typically encountered at those levels) to help prospective students select the most appropriate course. When topics and grammar points appear under several levels, they will be either a revision and/or more in-depth study of the topic/grammar area. Most grammar structures and vocabulary items are of course encountered again and often reinforced in subsequent levels.

Accelerator	Progression	Development	Typical topics	Grammar
Stage 1 (continued next page)	Beginners	Step 1	Greetings, personal details, family Hobbies Travelling, holidays Shopping, ordering food and drinks Location and directions The weather Days of the week, dates	Question words Word order Definite, indefinite & possessive articles Personal pronouns Verb endings, modal verbs Negation Expressing likes with 'gern'
		Step 2	Leisure, lifestyles Likes and dislikes Giving opinions Accommodation, hotels Measures Telephone language Comparing things	Adjectives Comparative & Superlative Accusative case Using 'kein' Modal verbs The future
	Elementary (continued next page)	Step 1	Personal details, hobbies... Asking for and giving permission Describing situations Stating an opinion Talking about emotions Requests Appointments & meetings Position & location, directions	Word order in statements & questions Question words: wo, wer... Sein & haben, regular verbs in the present tense Modal verbs Weak verbs & strong verbs Separable verbs, word order with separable verbs Prepositions and dative Prepositions and accusative

Stage 1 (continued)	Elementary (continued)	Step 2	<p>Guests, invitations Booking accommodation, travel advice Ordering food Telling the time, dates, the weather Asking for help Giving and asking for advice Daily routine, daily chores Talking about the past</p>	<p>The imperative Prepositions of place (dative/accusative) Ordinal numbers Past tense with haben and sein Participles with ge- and without Ich hätte gern, ich würde gern, ich möchte</p>
Stage 2 (continued next page)	Lower Intermediate	Step 1	<p>Likes & dislikes Migration Family Festivals and celebrations Opinions Comparing things Measurements Travelling</p>	<p>Pronouns in accusative and dative Possessives, articles Phrases with 'man' Verbs with dative Perfect tense and modal verbs Genitive case Subordinate clauses with 'weil' and 'wenn' Comparatives & superlatives Gender of compound nouns Adjective endings</p>
		Step 2	<p>Menus, recipes Food and drink Conversations at the table Prejudices Commands Hobbies Emotions Media</p>	<p>Prepositions with Accusative case Reflexive verbs Dual case prepositions Infinitive constructions with 'zu' and um...zu' Consecutive clauses Subordinate clauses with 'dass' 'Um...zu' or 'damit' Adverbs of time and frequency Coordinating and subordinating conjunctions Adjective endings Indirect questions Conditional sentences Relative sentences Wo- und da-compounds Imperative</p>

Stage 2 (continued)	Intermediate	Step 1	Appearances, character, behaviour Describing people, objects, pictures Daily activities Rhymes Education Work & careers News & media	Adjectives & case endings Reflexive verbs, reflexive pronouns Subjunctive Würde + infinitive Perfect & Imperfect Word order in subordinate clauses Genitive
		Step 2	Opinions Radio reporting Letter writing Films, programmes, the internet Holidays, sights & regions in Germany Weather & seasons	Konjunktiv use with present & past tense (könnte, würde...) Genitive after prepositions Relative clauses using the genitive Impersonal constructions Pronouns & cases
Stage 3 (continued next page)	Higher Intermediate	Step 1	Health & nutrition Health & illness Sport & fitness Accidents & mishaps Giving advice & helping with problems Wishes, hypothesis & reality/non reality	Konjunktiv 2 (subjunctive) Würden + infinitive Indirect questions Infinitive used as a noun Verbativergänzung (sehen, hören, lassen) Verbs changing to nouns Imperfect tense
		Step 2	Economic issues in the media Modern devices, technical developments Past & future Art & literature Writing formal emails and letters Writing a CV Preparing for an interview (such as year abroad)	Passive Prepositions with accusative & dative Konjunktiv 2 (past) Perfect & imperfect tenses consecution temporum Wenn, wann, als in subordinate clauses (conditional & temporal) Future tense, including in the passive Würde + infinitive Je...desto/je...umso Relative clauses using participles (I & II) Als vs Wie Conjunctions: aber, zwar, wieder, noch

Stage 3 (continued)	Advanced	Step 1	The use of cartoons & stories Telling & understanding jokes in context Humour in the media Rhymes, tongue twisters, proverbs Personalities in art, music & theatre Historical events/life in the future Old & new equipment & technology Values	The future & Subjunctive II Pluperfect Brauchen + zu mit infinitive Word order with accusative& dative pronouns Pronouns before subject Two-part conjunctions Als, wenn, ob & wann as conjunctions Syntax of wenn sentences
		Step 2	Art & Literature The impact of art Comments & critics Cultural events	Partizip II & III (adverbial & attributive) Participial phrases & modal verbs Imperfekt Relative clauses Dass/sodas conjunctions Je... desto/je... umso Prefixes changing verb meaning
Stage 4 (continued next page)	HA1	Step 1	Relationships, small talk, discussions Tourism & Travelling Intercultural experience and diversity in German speaking countries Migration Language learning Poetry Iconic language	Two-part coordinating conjunctions Final conjunctions Word order in central section of the clause Position of the comma Negation Gendered suffixes, Nouns & verbs with prefixes & Compound nouns Declension & Graduation of adjectives Comparative clauses
		Step 2	Festivities & celebrations Customs & fashions Meaning of political statements How generations are defined Work & spare time Qualifications & requirements for job Job application & interview Health at work & Team work	Use of 'es' Infinite clauses Past tense Konjunktiv II – conditional phrases Word formation of adjectives with suffixes Conditional clauses without introduction Prepositional adverbs & demonstrative pronouns Structuring argumentative texts Infinitive clauses with zu & dass clause

Stage 4 (continued)	HA2	Step 1	<p>Cartoons</p> <p>The German Education system</p> <p>The role of sports for society</p> <p>Poverty and wealth</p> <p>Body awareness & the media</p> <p>Contemporary gender roles</p> <p>Living with disabilities</p>	<p>Relative clauses with wer</p> <p>Noun-verb connections</p> <p>Temporal connectors</p> <p>Konjunktiv/würde + infinitive</p> <p>-weise adverbs</p> <p>Konjunktiv II - irrealer Vergleich</p> <p>Futur II</p> <p>Irreale Sätze mit wenn</p> <p>The verb "lassen"</p>
		Step 2	<p>Science in society</p> <p>Children and science</p> <p>The importance of being honest</p> <p>Future visions</p> <p>Sustainable living and healthy lifestyles</p> <p>German speaking authors</p>	<p>Passive paraphrase with modal verb & zu + infinitive and adjective + suffix –bar</p> <p>Adjectives with propositions</p> <p>Punctuation</p> <p>The cases</p> <p>Passive</p> <p>Indefinite pronouns</p>