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Our institute was founded in June 2003 and since then has enjoyed a very good reputation in Heidelberg. Our school is even recommended by the University in Heidelberg. It is situated within 3 mins walking distance from the university square. The central location of the school in the pedestrian zone of the city (in the Hauptstreet 90) enables our students to immerse themselves in the every-day life of Heidelberg.

Our range of activities embraces language courses, seminars in all languages, intercultural trainings, rhetoric seminars, individual trainings, workshops as well as communication training.

If you opt for individual tuition or a group course, we are your best advice partner.

Our institute is modernly equipped, in well-lighted and spacious classrooms there is stimulating atmosphere to learn foreign languages. Our teaching team consists of academically educated tutors that possess much experience in teaching foreign students. Our teaching team has been with us since the foundation of the school, so there are no changes in the teaching staff. The teaching material has been carefully selected and, after being pedagogically examined, it has been put together as an integrated whole.

By means of consistent application of audio-visual materials (computer stations with internet access, video, overhead projector, magazines, books, radio, film etc) and the communicative nature of the classes, we can successfully convey knowledge of grammar and consolidate it as well as we foster the development of the speaking and writing skills.

An important component of our courses is the introduction and the presentation of the german culture (history, sociology, literature, art, music). For this reason, film and theater visits constitute an essential part of our teaching programme. In this way, one can get to know the life in Germany. Every Tuesday we organise a film evening from 6 p.m. (2-3 hrs), and every Thursday there is a conversation class (3.30 - 5 p.m., both offers are free of charge).

The size of our school is ideally suited to the needs of our students and contributes to the friendly, individual and personal atmosphere. The teachers and the course coordinator are always available in case a need or a problem of any nature should arise.

At the reception desk you will be welcomed by Ms Magdalena Adamczyk M.A. Ms Adamczyk does not only take care of the course-and-room organisation, but she also works as a teacher at our institute. She gets on well with the students and is attentive to their needs, which fosters a non-problematic and friendly atmosphere at school.





Our main objective is to help students develop their own learning strategies which assist them in acquiring speaking skills in German. Our teaching priority lies in learning how to listen and understand the spoken presentation, and how to be able to express ones ideas with good and correct pronunciation. Our aim is to provide the students with the skill of effective communication, which requires a good command of the language as well as a comprehensive knowledge of the cultural context. Our students learn from the authentic and communicative-like situations: Listening, authentic video-materials such as: watching or listening to fragments/excerpts from films, TV-and radio programmes or songs. Speaking, through role play, discussions, talk shows, studies, meetings or trips.

Reading, with the help of the authentic documents from the newspapers, professional magazines and business management papers or on the basis of literary texts.

Writing, individual summaries of different texts with the aim of fluent communication.

The learned grammar finds its direct application in linguistic plays and exercises during different communicative situations.

The courses on offer range from a 1-2 week course to a 1-year course. The intensive courses are best suited for the students who would like to make progress relatively fast. Our institute welcomes not only student with some preliminary knowledge of german but also complete beginners. The course for beginners takes place every Monday of every month. The participant with preliminary knowledge will be placed into an appropriate group after writing a placement test. For this reason, one can start a course whenever one likes to. There are always several courses of different levels throughout the whole year. In order to be able to qualify for the university, one needs 1200 lesson hrs of german and a certificate documenting ones command of german at an intermediate level. The above-mentioned examination can be taken at our school. With the assistance of our institute, a student can get a chance of taking the DSH-examination externally without the university admission. The participants attend a DSH-course at our school, we register them for the examination. They even can get a place if we register them one day before the examination sitting.



If students attend the DSH-course regularly and inspite of that, they fail to pass the DSH-exam, we offer them the same course free of charge. The courses comprise 20 lesson hrs a week, 80 per month (every day from 9.00-12.15). We also offer superintensive courses (30 lesson hrs per week). Students, who prefer individual instruction and guidance, can opt for tuition with as many hrs as they wish.



CERTIFICATES



At our language institute the participants can take two types of examinations: in intermediate and advanced German. The above-mentioned certificates are required by the university (for the admission). For students who would like to take the DSH-exam, we organise it with a partner university. We register the students and help them with all the necessary formalities. For this examination, no university admission is required.

STUDIES



Apart from the German course, we advise students on their planned studies in Germany. We inform them in a detailed way, help in filling in the application forms and organise trips with the students from the university in Heidelberg. In this way, one can experience the student lifestyle.

ACCOMMODATION



Alpha-Aktiv naturally takes care of the accommodation of its students. A number of our students have a chance of living in our student residence. The student residence can be reached by bus in about 10 mins from the school. It has a large garden that can be well used in the summer time. The building was renovated at the beginning of 2006, the rooms are light and clean. There are 3 bathrooms, a big kitchen and a living room with a big table and a TV. There is also internet in the house. The size of the rooms varies between 20 and 30 m and they are equipped with furniture. (Prices, according to the size, **265 - 400 Euro**)

There are further rooms in a sharing flat in the immediate neighbourhood of the school.

In each of the apartments there are 3 rooms, a bathroom and a kitchen. These rooms are centrally located, though a bit smaller than the ones in a student residence. (Prices: **265 - 400 Euro**). In this case the language students share a fully equipped flat situated in the neighbourhood of the school. They can choose between a single or a double room. The kitchen, bathroom and a living room have to be shared.

For students who would like to live on their own with a separate kitchen and bathroom, we offer small apartments. (Prices: **450 - 500 Euro** per month).





Another option would be a host family. Living with a host family is the best way to get to know the German way of life and hospitality as well as to improve one's German in contact with native speakers of German. One week accommodation costs **180 Euro** (half-board), **150 Euro** (with breakfast), **120 Euro** (without meals).

HOTEL

There is also a possibility to book a hotel room or a room in a hostel. The accommodation in a hotel/guesthouse is recommended for groups, or if one stays for a short period of time. By request we can book single or double rooms in hotels or guesthouses of different categories in the city centre in Heidelberg.

