



TANDEM  
Köln 

# German Courses in Cologne



*Talk it easy!*

# TANDEM® Köln

## International Language School



For more than 30 years, TANDEM has been specialising in modern and successful language training, as well as organising language partnerships.

You will find TANDEM in many interesting and attractive cities within Germany and worldwide – and naturally also in Cologne!

Our goal is to enable people from different backgrounds to meet and understand each other.

Our school is located close to the city centre in the so-called “Südstadt”, a district well known for its lively atmosphere with many little shops, bars and restaurants. The next tram stop is just at three minutes walking distance, close to one of the university cafeterias and a beautiful park with a typical German beer garden.

The school itself is situated in a former monastery and consists of fourteen quiet and bright classrooms (seven in the main building and seven in the annex opposite), a student library with CD and DVD facilities, a small cafeteria and a nice little garden – ideal for the breaks. We offer free internet access and WiFi for all students at our school.



*My language study stay in Cologne was one of the best experiences of my life! The staff at Tandem were very nice and always answered all of my questions. They were very helpful, professional and competent. Thanks to Tandem, I improved my German skills quickly.*

Rubén Franco Díaz (Spain)



# Our Courses



**TANDEM® Köln** offers German courses at all levels, from Beginner to Advanced. We place special emphasis on using efficient and creative teaching methods while remaining flexible and open to the wishes and needs of our students. Therefore, in addition to using a combination of the most effective and professional teaching methods, the motto of our qualified teachers is: learning German should be fun!

Small groups, communicative lessons as well as the friendly and pleasant atmosphere at our school will make it a pleasure for you to learn.

To bring you into close contact with the German language and culture outside the classroom, we provide you with a full cultural programme, private accommodation with Germans and a language exchange partner, a so-called “Tandem”.

Enjoy the wide variety of cultural activities on offer, live with people from Cologne for a couple of weeks, and practise with your TANDEM partner everything you have learned in class in an individual and real-life situation, speaking alternately in German and in your mother tongue.



# Discover Cologne!



Cologne is the oldest of Germany's big cities. More than 2000 years of history have left their mark on Cologne. And it is not only Cologne's famous cathedral – a gothic masterpiece – which bears testimony to times gone by. Numerous buildings, sculptures and gardens provide a vivid impression of the old Cologne.

Today, Cologne is a modern, lively and cosmopolitan city: a hub of trade fairs, a university town and, with its many radio and TV production companies, the unquestionable media capital of Germany.



*I took a 6-week language course at the Tandem school in Cologne, Germany. It was a fabulous experience and I had a great time there. The Cologne Tandem school is very good. The teachers are dedicated and the lessons are well organised. In the school office the people are also very helpful, and what's cool is that they can explain everything to you in your mother tongue if you don't understand.*



Natalia Barblan (Switzerland)



# We'll help you!



Furthermore, Cologne offers pure culture! Opera, philharmonic orchestra, important museums, a huge number of theatres and cinemas, concerts of every type, over 100 art galleries and innumerable antique dealers ... In the evenings Cologne's vibrant nightlife will tempt you with its countless clubs and trendy bars. Highlights of the calendar year are, above all, the wild days of revelry during the Cologne Carnival (February); the c/o pop in June, one of the biggest music festivals in Germany: and, of course, the yearly Gay Pride celebration on Christopher Street Day, with its colourful parade (July).

Discover the secrets of this fascinating city at the heart of Europe with us and students from all over the world.

### Cultural programme

The cultural program takes place on at least three afternoons/ evenings a week during summer (July and August), and once a week during the rest of the year. At the beginning of each week we will inform you about the activities of the cultural programme for that week. Among the things we offer will be: historical tours, sports, films, nightlife, theatre and museum visits, excursions (such as boat rides on the Rhine or bicycle tours to Bonn and the romantic Rhine valley), a barbecue or karaoke party.

Although there aren't normally any activities organised for the weekends, we will always give you some advice, e.g. for day trips to Aachen, Bonn, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, Koblenz and Münster or weekend trips to Berlin, Munich, Amsterdam, Brussels and Paris.



# Accommodation



**TANDEM® Köln** has a professional accommodation service for students who wish to use it. The most popular way to live in our city is in a single room in a shared flat together with one or more Cologne residents. All TANDEM-arranged accommodation provides self-catering facilities with access to kitchen and bath or shower. Towels and bed linen are provided by the host.

Accommodation can be booked only for the duration of the course and will be reserved from the Sunday before the course begins to the Saturday following the end of the course. On request, we can also look for a family accommodation (including breakfast or half-board). Please see our separate price list.

Special arrangements are always possible: double rooms, small apartments or hotel accommodation are available on request. For further information please contact the office (prices vary and are determined on an individual basis).

## “Pick-up” service

On request, the school can organise transport service from the train station or airport (only CGN or DUS) to your accommodation and vice versa.

*My name is María and I was at Tandem for two weeks. My course as well as my stay with my host family were great. At the school the classes are fun. I studied in an official language centre before where I learnt everything about grammar, but rather quickly. Here, on the other hand, you focus on one aspect of the language and you study it thoroughly. Sometimes, we even played games to apply grammar points.*

María Burston Alonso (Spain)



# German Courses



**Standard Intensive Course** (September to June): 24 lessons of 45 minutes plus cultural programme once a week

**Summer Intensive Course** (July and August): 24 lessons of 45 minutes plus cultural programme three times a week

**All levels** – from A1 (Absolute Beginners) to C1 (Advanced)\*

**Starting dates:** every Monday (except Absolute Beginners)

**Timetable:** Monday 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m., Tuesday to Friday 9.30 a.m. to 1.45 p.m.

**Small groups** with 5 max. 12 students (average 8–9)

**Exam preparation** for the A1, A2, *Zertifikat Deutsch B1, B2, C1*, and *TestDaF* (**TANDEM® Köln** is an official telc and TestDaF test centre; please see [www.telc.net](http://www.telc.net) and [www.testdaf.de](http://www.testdaf.de))

**Would you like to learn German more intensively?** Or do you need to prepare for an exam, an interview or your new job? Or would you like to brush up your grammar or improve your communication skills? This is what we offer:

**One-to-one** 45-minute lessons

**Combined and Super-intensive Courses:** Add 4 or 8 private, or 8 mini-group lessons per week to your standard or summer course.

**Exam Preparation Courses:** 8 weeks standard or summer course combined with 48 lessons exam preparation in a small group of 4 to 10 students.

**Evening Courses:** Evening courses at **TANDEM® Köln** run all round and are available at all levels, Beginners to Advanced. Classes consist of six lessons of 45 minutes per week and take place from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. You'll always learn in small groups of 4 to 10 students.

**All courses** include a cultural programme once a week (in summer, three times a week)\*\*, a language exchange partner free of charge (if available), free internet access and WiFi.

## Notes:

\* On the first day of class students with any previous knowledge must take a placement test. Basic levels: A1, A2; Intermediate levels: B1, B2; Advanced level: C1: each level = 192 lessons (= 8 weeks)

\*\* Transportation and entrance fees are not included.





We look forward to hearing from you!



**TANDEM® International**

**TANDEM® Köln** is part of the TANDEM Network of quality language schools around the world supporting individual, autonomous language learning through partnership.

Please refer to the separate price sheet for Terms and Conditions and all information about our current prices.

