

Learning German

In order to learn German properly, a German class is recommended. There are many offers in the Basel region that cater to different living situations.

Offers

Many offers aimed at different groups of people are available in the Basel region. Some providers are commercial enterprises, some are charitable or public institutions. Persons who are not familiar with the Latin alphabet or have difficulties reading or writing may take a literacy class (Alphabetisierungskurs). Before enrolling in a German class, you should take note of the different types of classes and their costs. Special courses are available with child care for parents and their children. The Ausländerdienst Baselland (ald) or the community of residence provide information regarding the various offers.

Language Levels

How well someone can speak German can be measured using the "Common European Framework of Reference". This is abbreviated to CEFR. CEFR is the standard for languages and has six levels: A1, A2, B1, B2, C1 and C2. If you meet Level A1 or A2, you have a foundational knowledge of German. If you have achieved Level C1 or C2, you are well advanced.

- Do you want to undergo professional training recognised in Switzerland? In that case, you will need Level B1 or B2.
- If you wish to study at a university, you will need to meet Level C1 or C2.

Funding

Generally German classes must be paid for by the participant. Costs vary and it is recommended to compare the offers (cost per lesson). Some classes receive financial aid from Canton Basel-Landschaft or communities, enabling lower costs for the participants.

Additional information (links, addresses, information sheets, brochures)

www.hallo-baselland.ch/en/language-and-integration/learning-german