

Curriculum for Standard Courses

About GLS: Founded in 1983, GLS German Language School is located centrally in Berlin and welcomes ca. 1800 students every year from up to 60 nations. GLS is accredited locally by the Berlin Senate, and internationally by the Swedish Ministry of Education. GLS, like the Goethe Institut, is an official testing center for TestDaF and telc B1.

Standard courses train German for everyday communication and are complemented by afternoon activities and weekend excursions.

1. **Contact hours & time table**
2. **Levels, placement test, exams**
3. **Certificates and table for grade transcripts**
4. **Teachers, materials, method**
5. **Course content**
6. **Exams & how long it will take to reach any given level**

1. Contact hours per week

- 15 hours of German classes
(20 lessons / week à 45 min. international groups with max. 12 students per class)
 - 2 hours seminar on German culture or a German movie with teacher introduction every Thursday afternoon
 - 8 two half-day excursions in Berlin with GLS guide
 - 8 hours full-day excursion in Berlin or to Hamburg, Dresden, Leipzig, Potsdam with GLS guide
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- 33 hours (= 60 minutes) per week

In addition to this, students have ample opportunity to practice their German with their German hosts: GLS arranges accommodation in Berlin households – single room, with a choice of self catering, bed & breakfast or half board.

Students usually arrive on Sundays on GLS Campus or meet their German host, and start classes Monday morning with a placement test, helping us to place them in one of 6 levels:

	Monday*	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
07.30/08.00 – 10.00 am	Placement test and orientation					
09.00 – 10.30 am	Classes with max 12/ group on one of 7 levels					Full-day excursion in Berlin or – twice per month – to Hamburg, Dresden , Leipzig or Potsdam
10.30 – 11.00 am	break					
11.00 – 12.30 pm	Classes with max 12/ group on one of 7 levels					
	lunch break					
Afternoon		2-3 hours weekly seminar on German culture or history	Half-day excursion in Berlin (e.g. museum)	Half-day excursion in Berlin (e.g. city walk)	Afternoon or evening excursion in Berlin, i.e. a night out in Prenzlauer Berg	
Evening	GLS Stammtisch		+ German movie with teacher introduction every other Wed			

*On Mondays classes start at 10 am, due to the placement test.