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COLON INSTITUTE - HAMBURG, GERMANY

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

Established in 1952, Colon Institute has developed into one of the leading language schools in Germany over the years. Colon Institute's buildings are located in a quiet pedestrian precinct in the heart of Hamburg. Public transport access (underground, suburban rail, bus) is excellent. Colon employs approximately 45 qualified German teachers, all university graduates and most with many years of experience.

Colon Institute is a member of the National Association of German Private School VDP, and the International Association of Language Centers IALC. As well as this, it has been awarded the seal of quality by Weiterbildung Hamburg e.V., guaranteeing high standards in foreign language tuition.

For centuries, Hamburg has had one of the largest international sea ports, with trade relations spanning the entire world, particularly English-speaking countries and South America. Even so, Hamburg is not situated on the open sea. Rather, it is located on the wide lower reaches of the River Elbe, approximately 100 km upstream from the North Sea. The container ships and cruisers sailing up and down the Elbe are a unique sight. Ships from all around the world moor at the port.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The goal of the Colon Institute's courses is to teach colloquial German through primarily concentrating on teaching students to communicate in everyday situations. Courses are in six levels: Beginner, Basic 1, Basic 2, Intermediate 1, Intermediate 2, and Upper 1.

Intensive Course Group 25 hours per week. Intensive groups are ideal for people wanting to combine tuition with leisure activities. Students learn German quickly and still have enough time to explore Hamburg. Classes comprise 5 lessons a day. One lesson has a duration of 45 minutes. The classes are scheduled from 8:50 to 13:00, Monday - Friday. Group sizes have an average of 8 students per class with a maximum of 12. Students with a prior knowledge of German are given a proficiency test.

Group/Tutor Course 30 hours per week. This program combines the Intensive Group 25 hours per week with Tutor one-on-one classes for 5 hours per week. It is recommended for those who want maximum language learning and/or may have special vocabulary needs such as commercial, legal, or technical German, etc. The Group/Tutor course comprises 5 lessons per day in a group setting and 1 lesson per day with a personal tutor. This course is a minimum of 2 weeks, with additional weeks available. One lesson has a duration of 45 minutes. Classes are held Monday through Friday from 8.00 to 13:00.

Tutor Course 20 lessons per week. Individual tuition is the most effective form of teaching. The direct method in conjunction with proven and modern instruction material is used. If a student already has prior knowledge, specific types of language such as commercial, legal or technical German, can be arranged. The Tutor course comprises 4 lessons per day and can be booked by the week. One lesson has a duration of 45 minutes. Classes are held Monday - Friday, any time between 8.00 - 21:00. The Center will arrange personal timetables with students prior to the commencement of the course.

German for Teachers Course 2 weeks, 15 hours per week. For all teachers whose native language is not German but who teach German as a foreign language. Colon Institute introduces different teaching methods, teaching materials, books and offers the opportunity to attend courses at any level as a guest student. Groups include 3-10 participants and classes are held Monday through Friday from 13.30 to 16.45.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestays Host families all live in good residential areas throughout the entire city and can be reached easily by public transport, generally within 15-20 minutes. Bed linens and towels are provided, as well as use of the washing machine. Breakfast daily is included, with 2 meals daily at additional cost.

School Residence The Institute can also accommodate students in their own residence located in the main school building. There is a minimum stay of 1 month for this option. The residence is made up of apartment units with no meals included.

Boarding House accommodation is also available.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

The school arranges voluntary leisure activities in the afternoons, evenings or on weekends. You can take a tour of Hamburg accompanied by Colon staff or join in on a day excursion (e.g. to Berlin, Lubeck, the Baltic coast). The cost of the leisure activities is included in the tuition fees, excluding entrance fees.

TO REGISTER:

Complete the NRCSA Preregistration Form or contact the National Registration Center for Study Abroad at 823 North 2nd Street, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201 USA, or by calling (414) 278-0631; by Fax (414) 271-8884.

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Program & Admission Information - Hamburg, Germany

The Programs

The goal of the courses is to teach colloquial German by concentrating on communication in everyday situations (e.g. living, eating, travel, holidays, shopping, job), as well as ensuring students can read and formulate simple texts. The direct method of teaching is used right from the outset, ie only German is spoken in classroom.

All courses are available in six different levels:

- Beginner
- Basic 1
- Basic 2
- Intermediate I
- Intermediate 2
- Upper 1

Intensive Courses Group 25 hours per week. Intensive groups are ideal for people wanting to combine tuition with leisure activities. Students learn German quickly and still have enough time to explore Hamburg.

Classes comprise 5 lessons a day. One lesson has a duration of 45 minutes. The classes are scheduled from 8:50 to 13:00 or 13:30 to 17:45, Monday - Friday. Group sizes have an average of 8 students per class with a maximum of 12. Intensive courses for beginners commence on the first working day of each month. Students with prior knowledge can commence each Monday. Students with a prior knowledge of German are given a free proficiency test.

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Tutor Course

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The Tutor course comprises 4 lessons per day and can be booked by the week. One lesson has a duration of 45 minutes. Classes are held Monday - Friday, any time between 8.00 - 21:00. The center will arrange personal timetables with students prior to the commencement of the course. Beginners and students with prior knowledge can commence each Monday.

Admissions & Academic Credit

Students age 17 years and older are welcomed regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. No previous knowledge of German is required except where otherwise

Programs

Intensive Courses
Group/Tutor Course
Tutor Course
German for Teachers
Course

Admissions &
Academic Credit
Certificates & Exams
Leisure Activities

Comments

"I liked the chance to interact with and learn another culture."

Student, Fairbanks, AK

"It is hard to say what I enjoyed most because I liked everything. Hamburg is a beautiful, wonderful and friendly city. I could easily live there. The transportation is great."

Student, San Rafael, CA



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Students desiring credit for their study should contact their home school or request the NRCSA Credit Fact Sheet. Generally, U.S. universities consider 15 hours of study to be equal to 1 semester credit.

For more information about academic credit in German speaking countries, [please click here](#).
For general information on academic credit, [please click here](#).

Certificates & Exams

A certificate will be issued to students provided he/she has attended the course regularly and has completed the voluntary exam for his/her level, Basic 1 - Upper.

Preparation for the following exams is offered and is at additional cost:

1. IHK-exam 1. level. Institution: Chamber of Commerce
2. PNDS-Exam. Institution: German University
3. IHK-exam 2. level. Institution: Chamber of Commerce
4. IHK-exam 3. level. Institution: Chamber of Commerce

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ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Foreign language immersion classes
- ✓ Small interactive group and/or one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Culture program integrated into conversation classes, activities
- ✓ Meet-the-People interaction at school, homestays, & community events
- ✓ Orientation covering attractions, how to, health, safety, entertainment
- ✓ Academic assessments, placement-exit tests, Achievement Certificate
- ✓ Lodging (reduced fee if no lodging needed)
- ✓ Meals and/or cooking facilities at most centres
- ✓ Insurance: medical and accident - see below
- ✓ Emergency Hotline staffed 24 hours/day - see below
- ✓ Housing Coordinator familiar with area homestays, apartments, hotels
- ✓ Activity Coordinator facilitates transfers, cultural/social activities, tours
- ✓ Program Director experienced working with foreign participants
- ✓ Qualified, experienced, and certified educators
- ✓ Weekly proficiency goals and progress assessments
- ✓ Planning and Orientation materials
- ✓ International Ambiance, participants from around-the-world welcome
- ✓ Telecom assistance, web/e-mail access, usually on-site
- ✓ Local taxes for included services
- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
- ✓ **ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE the following INSURANCE***

ACCIDENT INSURANCE up to \$10,000 SICKNESS INSURANCE up to \$10,000

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION up to \$25,000

EMERGENCY REUNION up to \$5,000

REPATRIATION up to \$7,500

LIFE INSURANCE \$5,000

plus

24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

MANY ALSO OFFER

- ✓ **Tours:** cultural visits, day and weekend fieldtrips
- ✓ **Art:** classes/workshops, craft, dance, theater, fashion, music, photo
- ✓ **Humanities:** culture, area studies, hist, lit, gov't, educ, comm, plus...
- ✓ **Health:** golf, swimming, tennis, diving, skiing, riding, plus...
- ✓ **Special:** vocabulary classes tailored to your professional needs
- ✓ **Lodging:** homestay, apartment, dorm, hotel, special diet
- ✓ **Food:** home cooking, cooking classes, dine-around, wine tasting
- ✓ **Family:** services, daycare, child classes, community services
- ✓ **Teacher:** training, workshops, practicums, practice teaching, ECH
- ✓ **Teen:** camps and youth programs (including experiential)
- ✓ **University:** credit, undergraduate and graduate
- ✓ **Professional:** development credit in many fields, licensure, CEU
- ✓ **Volunteer:** medical, social service, ecology, teach plus...
- ✓ **Internships:** business, media, arts, eco, tourism, computer, plus...
- ✓ **Business:** classes, visits, networking, executive support services
- ✓ **Peer-to-Peer:** share interests, network by profession or hobby
- ✓ **Current Events & Professional Workshops, Holiday Courses**
- ✓ **Distance** educ liaison service, independent studies, research assist
- ✓ **Free** books and course materials. Return at end of studies
- ✓ **Free** airport transfers and internet access
- ✓ **Assessment** reports for attendance, progress, acculturation if needed
- ✓ **Medical:** professional training, law, social work, sciences etc.

** If you have a problem while studying abroad, call the 24 hour hotline! Call Any Time from Anywhere! Medical or travel emergencies, legal or medical or embassy referrals, lost passport or luggage, emergency message relay, coordinating emergency prescription replacement or cash transfer, emergency translations, 24-hour medical monitoring. Problems seldom occur, but when they do, it is nice to know insurance and worldwide assistance are included in your cost for study dates prepaid through NRCSA as reflected on your NRCSA confirmation. Additional optional insurance available upon request. Refer to the certificate for specific terms, conditions and other details regarding benefits, limitations, eligibility and exclusions of this plan. Questions? Contact NRCSA: Tel: 414-278-0631 ... E-Mail: info@nrcca.com ... Web: <http://www.nrcca.com>*

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