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GSL INSTITUTE - Berlin, Germany

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

Since its foundation in 1983, GSL Institute has become one of the leading teaching centers for German as a foreign language. GSL, an affiliated member of IALC (International Association of Language Centers) and officially registered with the Berlin Senate as an established language school, is a recognized high-quality language center in the western heart of Berlin. GSL is also a member of the Fachverband Deutsch als Fremdsprache (the association for German as foreign language) and a founding member of IQ Deutsch, an association of selected German language schools that submit themselves to regular quality control.

All **GSL Institute** courses are taught by highly qualified teachers with university degrees. Regular teacher training ensures that they always use the latest teaching methods and approaches.

Fascinating metropolis in the heart of Europe, Berlin is now, more than before, a remarkable city. Decades of division following World War II and Berlin's special status as Allied-occupied territory have left their enduring mark on the city's life. Grand palaces, incomparable art museums like the Pergamon and the Bauhaus, innumerable restaurants, a vast and varied music scene and nightlife all make Berlin a unique destination for learning the German language.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

All GSL Group courses consist of a maximum of 12 students per class and each class is 45 minutes in duration. The goal of each course is to improve the student's active and passive language ability and develop understanding of German culture and the German way of thinking. All courses are taught exclusively in German and are open to all levels. Students are obliged to attend all lessons on time. All students should bring a dictionary German/own language - own language/German, paper and pens/pencils. All other teaching material is provided by GSL.

Standard Course Group 20 hours per week. Lessons take place Monday to Friday from 9:15 to 12:30. Beginners must start on specified dates, while all other levels may start any Monday.

Intensive Course Group 30 hours per week. Students enrolled in this course participate in the Standard course in the morning along with additional lessons in the afternoons from 13:00 - 14:45 in a small group setting of a maximum of 6 students/class.

Tutor Course 20 hours per week. This course is designed for those students who need flexibility and intensity. Specific content and learning style are decided upon between teacher and student. Course begins any Monday for all levels.

12 Week Semester Courses Group 20 or 30 hours per week. These long term courses are designed for those students who want to gain deep knowledge of German and experience living in Germany, perhaps for their career of university studies. The courses last 12 weeks and are can be used as preparation for language examinations of the universities or the Goethe Institut.

International Summer Camp in Schmoeckwitz for Children & Teens - Ages 8-16.

GSL Sprachenzentrum accomplishes a full immersion concept in language learning at their International Summer Camp for ages 8-16 years. The German program is based on 3 daily lessons of German in small classes. Participants live in 2 or 3 bedded rooms and each room has its own shower and WC. Three meals per day.

Summer Centre in Berlin for Teens - Ages 16-19.

GSL Sprachenzentrum also offers the Berlin Summer Centre for ages 16 - 19 years. Students have 20 weekly lessons of German on 4 different levels. Classes are internationally mixed. Students live in renovated and spacious 3 to 4 bedded rooms. There are several showers and WCs. Three meals per day are included.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestays

Students are housed in the home of a German family. Some families have their own houses with a garden whereas some live in flats right in the center of the city. The guest-rooms may have double, or single beds. Normally there is only one bathroom which is shared; towels and bed linen are provided by the family. 2 meals daily are included in the host-family-accommodation. Shared Student Apartments & Hotels are also available.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

GSL Institute has a richly varied social and cultural program. All activities are accompanied by leaders specially trained by GSLand, as real Berliners, the leaders not only know all the tourist attractions the city offers, but they will also show students hidden parts and corners of Berlin, away from tourists trails

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Program & Admission Information - Berlin, Germany

The Programs

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Standard Course Group 20 hours per week. Lessons take place Monday to Friday from 9:15 to 12:30. Beginners must start on specified dates, while all other levels may start any Monday for a minimum of 2 weeks.

Intensive Course Group 30 hours per week. Students enrolled in this course participate in the Standard course in the morning along with additional lessons in the afternoons from 13:00 - 14:45 in a small group setting of a maximum of 6 students per class.

Group/Tutor Course Standard Group 20 hours per week course plus 10 hours per week of private tutorial lessons. Combined course allows students to increase German language comprehension in group lessons while focusing on specific areas of interest or need in the tutorial sessions.



Tutor Course 20 hours per week. This course is designed for those students who need flexibility and intensity. Specific content and learning style are decided upon between teacher and student. Course begins any Monday for all levels.

12 or 24 Week Semester

Group 20 hours per week. This long term course is designed for those students who want to gain deep knowledge of German and experience living in Germany, perhaps for their career of university studies. The courses lasts twelve weeks and is especially suited for students who want to take one of the internationally recognized language examinations of the universities or the Goethe Institut. The center is more than happy to advise on language examinations that best suit student needs.

[Start Dates & Fees](#)

German & Internship

Combines a minimum of 4 weeks German language study with 8 or 12 weeks of unpaid work experience in a Berlin company. For more detailed information on this program,

[please click here](#)

Schmoeckwitz Children & Teen Summer Program

Children & Teens 8 through 15 years. For detailed information on this program,

[please click here](#)

Berlin Teen Summer Program

Teens 16 through 19 years. For detailed information on this program



Programs

Standard Course
Intensive Course
Group/Tutor Course
Tutor Course
12 or 24 Week
Semester
German & Internship
Children & Teen
Summer Program

Admissions &
Academic Credit

Activities

The Social & Cultural
Program

Comments

"It was a superb learning experience. The teachers were outstanding!! They had the skill to improve the weaknesses of the varied levels of the students in the class. I was especially impressed with the help I received with my pronunciation....The opportunity to be in a most enjoyable learning environment with excellent teachers & wonderful fellow students. Two weeks in class is not enough!"

Consultant, Jonesboro, GA.

"What I enjoyed most was the feeling of freedom in the city, but as well as the importance that I was to the teachers. Because they truly cared to teach, I believe I was able to grasp my foreign language much better."

University Student,
Downey, CA

"My experience at the school (Berlin, Germany) was a superb learning experience. The teachers were outstanding! They had the skills needed to improve the weaknesses of the varied levels of students!"

Consultant, Atlanta, GA

"Vacations involving language study allows travelers to immerse themselves in a culture in a way that a traditional vacation might not...The National Registration Center for Study Abroad can help you choose a language program that's right for you."

CNN

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Admissions & Academic Credit

The center welcomes students age 16 years and older regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. Students under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult unless enrolled in the Children & Teen Program. No previous knowledge of German is required except where otherwise indicated.

Students desiring credit for their language studies 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](#).

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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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PREREGISTRATION FORM – NRCSA PROGRAMS

1. Complete & send to NRCSA, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201, USA • Tel. (414) 278-0631 • Fax (414) 271-8884 • Web: www.nrca.com
2. Enclose a non-refundable deposit/registration fee of \$140 per person, per program, payable to NRCSA (\$40 registration fee & \$100 program deposit applied towards the program costs).
3. Register early. Add \$40 per person late enrollment fee if paying in full within 40 days of departure. Within 20 days, payments by certified check.
4. Credit Cards may be used for deposits (see "H" below). NRCSA street address for overnight deliveries is 207 East Buffalo Street, Suite 610, Milwaukee, WI 53202 USA. You are welcome to photocopy this form. Please send separate form for each school if taking multiple programs.

A. Name(s) _____ Sex _____ Birthdate _____ Citizenship _____
Please print
 _____ Employer _____ Occupation _____
If student, school attending and year

Street: _____ Tel. Home: _____
Street address (not P.O. Box) where someone can sign for documents sent to you.

City/State/Zip: _____ Tel. Work: _____
 Fax: _____
 E-mail: _____

In Emergency, notify: _____
(Name, Address, Phone)

B. BACKGROUND: _____
Describe your background in the course you're taking abroad. Check your ability level: Beginner Post Beginner
 Intermediate Advanced

C. LODGING: _____
Schools will try (cannot guarantee) to meet them. Special Diet (may be available) at additional cost.

Check Preferences.
 Single Share Twin Other: _____
 Yes Smoking No Smoking Either
 Yes Pets No Pets Either
 Yes Children No Children Either

D. GOALS: _____

E. INSURANCE: Includes prepaid study dates. To extend coverage up to 30 days before/after study dates, add \$5/day or \$19/week and advise dates.

PREFER: Homestay Involvement Freedom to Come/Go
ARE YOU? Quiet Outgoing Frequent Traveler
OBJECTIVES: Enrichment Academic Credit Job Related
HOBBIES: Reading Music Cooking Jogging Sports

F. PROGRAM INFORMATION	School/Center
Program Name (use title from Dates & Fees)	City/Country
Date: Start Program	Date: Start Lodging (most start day before)
No. of hours day/week	No. of weeks attending
Disabilities/Allergies/Health Problems	2nd Choice Program
How did you learn about NRCSA?	Social Security Number
Options (see program for choices)	
Your Signature (if you are under age 18, both parents must also sign)	

INSURANCE INCLUDED for PRE-PAID STUDY DATES

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For More Info: <http://www.nrca.com/INS24hrHotline.html>

H. CREDIT CARDS:

For program deposit only (**not final payment**) check:
 VISA Mastercard American Express Amount Charged \$ _____

_____ / _____
Card Number (13 or more numbers) Exp Date

SIGNATURE (as on card) PRINT name (as on card)

CHANGE FEES of at least \$35 apply for each change you make. Some "changes" may result in cancellation fees.

CANCELLATIONS are effective the day received in writing by NRCSA in Milwaukee. All payments less \$140 per program fully refundable up to 60 days prior to departure. For cancellations within 60 days of departure, \$250 per person is not refundable; within 40 days of departure, less 50% of program cost or \$300 per person (whichever is greater); within 14 days of departure, 100% of program cost is non refundable. Airline cancellation penalties, if any, are in addition to those outlined above. Cancellation penalties are per person, per program. Medical, baggage (above that included) and cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Attach a note if you have a medical condition or Rx which the school/center should know about.

CONDITIONS: Each institution listed herein is independent of the National Registration Center for Study Abroad (hereinafter referred to as NRCSA, controls, and will periodically make changes in the program. Classes may fill, be changed, or dropped by the sponsoring academic institutions. NRCSA is a division of Mibar Ltd. and is not responsible for these changes or other actions beyond its control such as strikes, postal delays or loss, mechanical breakdowns, weather, government actions, delay or acts/omissions of suppliers. NRCSA may make changes or substitutions or cancel any program. In the event of entire program cancellation by NRCSA, liability is limited to refunding all monies paid to NRCSA for said program. Passengers electing not to use portions of a program shall not be entitled to a refund. No agent or representative of NRCSA shall have the right to alter the provisions listed herein. Costs based on tariffs and exchange rates effective the date of printing of this material, and are subject to change. Additional costs resulting from such change will be paid by the participant. Registrations are valid when accepted by NRCSA in Milwaukee. The passage contract used by the airline, when issued, is the sole agreement between it and you. Photographs of or statements by participants may be used by NRCSA. NRCSA, group leaders or foreign coordinators, at their discretion, may get medical assistance for participants, or place them in a hospital, or fly them back to the U.S. for medical treatment. All costs related to medical treatment or evacuation will be paid by the participant. As visitors you are expected to adhere to foreign rules and customs. If the foreign staff feels you are not adhering to these rules and customs, your participation in the program shall terminate immediately without refund whatsoever. A "homestay" is defined as living with a local person(s) in the foreign country and may not be multi generational, multinational, etc. It is the responsibility of the participant to have required proof of citizenship and visa(s) if applicable - check with the consulate of the country(s) you will be visiting.

INFORMATION USE: Information provided to NRCSA will be shared with participating organizations to facilitate your registration.

NOTE: Classes canceled in honor of local holidays are not made up. Foreign Language schools use placement tests. If there is no group at your level, smaller group or tutor classes may be substituted with fewer hours per week. Classes are conducted entirely in the target language. See **Fast Facts Guide** for more information.