German Language Courses for RWTH English Master Programs

Congratulations on being accepted to one of RWTH Aachen University's English-taught Master Programs! The Language Center's German Language Master Program is an intensive, year-round set of courses for both beginners and advanced students to help you prepare for the German Language Examination for Students in English Master Programs (DSM). The examination tests students' reading, writing and comprehension skills in areas particularly relevant to their course of study and careers. Students who pass the exam also have the possibility of attending further German language courses at the Language Center. Students with the appropriate level of German knowledge are eligible for an exemption (see below).

Structure of the Program

The standard German language program for international master students takes two semesters (A1 – A2 level). Students attend the German courses (A1 level) in September and in the winter semester and complete the program in the subsequent summer with a A2-level by passing the German Language Exam for Master Students (DSM). If students start with previous knowledge of German, the program starts in October at the earliest and is shortened accordingly. For detailed information see overleaf.

For further important information, please consult our website: www.sz.rwth-aachen.de/382.html

Registration for the German Program

Students with no previous knowledge of German

Your program starts in September:

- Register here until 1 August 2017: www.goo.gl/sh5zQR
- Between 28 - 31 August, you will receive information on your course and timetable via e-mail
- Attend the German course lasting from 4 September to 22 September 2017

Students with previous knowledge of German

Students with at least 100 hours of German instruction start in October:

- Sign up here until 1 September 2017: www.goo.gl/0ou4E2
- Sign up for a placement test here from 4 September onwards: www.sz.rwth-aachen.de/termine-master-programm.html
- Register for a Master German Course between 3 – 10 October 2017 via your user-account at the Language Center: verwaltung.sz.rwth-aachen.de/st/
- Courses start from 16 October 2017 onwards and last until 2 February 2018.
Master German Course Path

Students with **no** previous knowledge of German:

- September: A1.1
- Winter semester: A1.2
- March: A2.1
- Summer semester: A2.2
- July: DSM Exam

Students with **previous** knowledge of German:

- Winter semester: A1.2
- March: A2.1
- Summer semester: A2.2
- July: DSM Exam

Please note that **we only offer beginner’s courses in September**. If you do not have previous knowledge of German and arrive late, we cannot offer you a course. If you do not at least score an A1.2 result in your placement test in October, we cannot offer you an A1.1 beginners’ course in the Master program.

**DSM Exemptions**

Students are eligible for an exemption from the DSM if they can show proof of equivalent German knowledge in the Language Center’s Service Point. The following certificates are recognised: Goethe Institute Zertifikat A2 or higher, TELC Certificate A2 or higher. Your grades on these certificates will be forwarded to the Registrar’s Office. Please note that no certificates can be approved in September or October. You may come with your certificates in November to the Service Point and we will arrange appointments for you.

You are welcome to attend other courses at your level in our standard German language program: [www.sz.rwth-aachen.de/semesterkurse-deutsch.html](http://www.sz.rwth-aachen.de/semesterkurse-deutsch.html)

If you do not have a certificate recognized by the Language Center or score the result A2.2 (or higher) in your placement test, you take the DSM exam in February.