

German class offered by IMPRS-HD

Course concept

Teacher:

Ralph Matucci is language teacher since 1990, offering German courses at MPIA since 2000 and at ARI since 2005.

Statement of Ralph:

For me it's really important that the students practice to speak, that they are able to talk to their landlords, to the waiter in the restaurant, to their neighbours and so on.

Therefore it's most important to learn to speak and not so much to read or write German. By that I want to help my students to get along in Heidelberg and Germany, make their life a little bit easier and make them feel comfortable in Germany. This is most essential for me.

German is a quite complex language, but I always try to make the German class an interesting and funny experience, e.g. by playing games, or going out together.

To speak about the "German-way-of-life", the German habits, rules and laws, the German food and weather, the German holidays and its history, is also part of my classes.

At the beginning of the course we will also speak some English, but from lesson to lesson, and from chapter to chapter we will speak less and less English and more and more German until the students after one season will be able to even give a short talk/presentation in German.

The book that we are using is unfortunately out-of-print, but in my point of view and by all my experience it's still the best book available - in particular for beginners and for people who are not so much experienced in learning a foreign language.