

What is an integration course?

The integration course consists of a language course and an orientation course. In the language course you will learn the basics of the German language. For example, you will learn to write letters and emails in German, how to fill in forms, make phone calls and apply for a job.

In the orientation course you will learn about the German legal system, history and culture. You will be informed about your rights and obligations in Germany and about the values that are particularly important in Germany, such as religious freedom, tolerance and equal rights for women and men.

General integration courses are 700 teaching units of 45 minutes each. First you complete the language course with 600 teaching units and then the orientation course with 100 teaching units.

There are also special integration courses that have 1000 teaching units. Special integration courses are for example literacy courses, youth integration courses, women's and parents' integration courses. In special integration courses, the language course has 900 teaching units. The orientation course has 100 teaching units.

At the end of the language course, you will take the 'German Language Test for Immigrants' (Deutsch-Test für Zuwanderer, DTZ) exam. You complete the orientation course with the final test 'Living in Germany'. If you successfully complete the language test with a B1 result and the 'Living in Germany' test, you will receive the Integration Course Certificate. The certificate can also make it easier for you to become a naturalized German citizen, should you wish to do so.

What does the integration course cost?

When you attend an integration course for the first time, you are automatically exempt from the costs for the integration course.

If you are attending an integration course and incur costs for travelling to the course, you can apply for a grant in aid towards travel costs, provided the walking distance to the course venue is at least 3.0 km. Sign the application and send it to the competent regional office.

Where can I find an integration course?

Use the information system <https://bamf-navi.bamf.de/de/> (German-language version) or <https://bamf-navi.bamf.de/en/> (English-language version) to find an integration course provider near you.

Who can I contact if I have questions about the integration course?

You can contact the BAMF regional office responsible for your place of residence for your questions about the integration course. Use the information system <https://bamf-navi.bamf.de/de/> or <https://bamf-navi.bamf.de/en/> to find the contact details.

You can read more information about integration courses in different languages here: <https://www.bamf.de/EN/Themen/Integration/ZugewanderteTeilnehmende/zugewanderteteilnehmende-node.html>