

GERMAN ENHANCEMENT COURSE 2012

What is a German Enhancement Course?

- A short intensive course designed to support graduates with a language other than German to achieve sufficient competence in German to enable them to teach accurately and confidently at secondary level to at least key stage 3 (ages 11-14).
- The course is designed to prepare you to commence a secondary Modern Foreign Language (MFL) teacher training course from September 2012 whether on a Postgraduate Certificate of Education (PGCE) course, via the Schools Consortium Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) or on a Graduate Teaching Programme (GTP).

Why is this course offered at the University of Portsmouth?

- The School of Languages and Area Studies at the University of Portsmouth has been selected by the Training and Development Agency (TDA) to deliver the course based on its experience and expertise in delivering short intensive language courses.
- In the 2011 National Students Survey, the University of Portsmouth was rated joint top (97%) in England for overall satisfaction in our teaching of European languages. Our German and French Enhancement courses have received very positive appraisals from both Ofsted and the university's external moderator, who has described the teaching and learning experience as of a very high standard.

When does the German Enhancement Course run?

- From Tuesday 8 May until Friday 24 August 2012 (16 weeks in total).
- You will also attend a tailor-made German language and culture course at a German university or a German language institution to complement your German language and culture studies at Portsmouth.

Does the one course fit all levels of ability?

- The Needs Analysis Days help us to establish the correct level of your German and the course can then be structured to your individual needs.
- Those who have no prior knowledge or study of German will embark on an ab initio course from Tuesday 8 May – Friday 18 May. As a beginner you will have taught classes of intensive study which will enable you to join the main course on Monday 21 May.

- Those who already have some knowledge or study of German to GCSE level will spend 10 days from Tuesday 8 May – Friday 18 May in a secondary school, working alongside pupils and teachers, observing them in the languages classroom teaching and learning. You will complete a portfolio of specified tasks to enable you to set targets for language development and improvement for the start of the main course on Monday 21 May.
- All participants then join the main course from Monday 21 May – Friday 24 August. Tutorials, self-supported study and taught sessions are differentiated according to your ability.

Is the German Enhancement Course full time?

Yes. Classes at the University of Portsmouth will start at 10am and finish at 3pm, Monday to Friday (with an hour's break for lunch).

- In addition, you will be set tasks and assignments to complete outside of class times.
- The timetable in Germany will be different, but will occupy every day.

Do I have to pay any fees for the German Enhancement Course?

The 2012 course is funded by the TDA and there are no fees for UK and EU residents who have a place on TDA funded Initial Teacher Training. The TDA will provide a bursary of £2400 (equivalent to £150 per week) for trainees whose degree classification is 2:2 or above (or equivalent).

Who is eligible to apply for the German Enhancement Course*?

- Graduates in French and Spanish (including foreign language assistants), whose first language is English.
- Graduates who are native speakers of languages other than English from countries where German is not the most prevalent second language.
- Undergraduates on single language degrees for whom it has been difficult to find school placements and also employment within schools.
- Undergraduates with combined degrees, e.g. French and Business.
- Career changers, including those returning from abroad.
- Speakers of community languages, e.g. Bengali, Gujarati, Chinese and Japanese.

* **All participants, however, must have an operational level of English to teach in an English-speaking school environment**

What are the key features of the German Enhancement Course?

- It is to prepare you to progress to an initial teacher training course.
- German is the target language.
- You will have 240 to 280 tutor-led taught hours over 14 weeks.
- You will be offered an appropriate programme of learning.
- You will be provided with a high level of individual learning support.
- You will receive a training bursary of £150 per week (if your degree classification is 2:2 or above).
- You will undertake a structured study visit to France as part of your provision.

How do I apply for the German Enhancement Course?

- The course is designed to qualify you to enter a secondary MFL ITT course in September 2012.
- To participate in the Enhancement Course you must have a conditional offer of a place on your chosen route to QTS.
- You should do this by applying to an ITT course through the GTTR (or to the DRB if you are applying for a GTP programme). You should indicate your willingness to attend the German Enhancement Course, if required, on your application form.
- You are also recommended to inform the course provider (University of Portsmouth) directly.
- If your application for the German Enhancement Course is considered suitable, the ITT provider will refer you to the University of Portsmouth.

Who should I contact at the University of Portsmouth for further information?

- For further information, please contact either the SKE course administrator Rebecca Mander (e-mail: rebecca.mander@port.ac.uk, Tel: 023 9284 6080) or the German Enhancement course leader Paul Joyce (e-mail: paul.joyce@port.ac.uk, Tel: 023 9284 6167).
- Application forms for the course can be downloaded from the German Enhancement course website:
<http://www.port.ac.uk/departments/academic/slas/courses/extensioncourses/German/>
- For enquiries relating to MFL PGCE courses, please contact Tanya Riordan on 023 9284 5227 or e-mail tanya.riordan@port.ac.uk.

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