

LANGUAGE CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF HAMBURG (UHH)
GERMAN AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

WINTER SEMESTER 2022/23

MINI WORKSHOPS: GERMAN FOR INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS & PHD STUDENTS

The mini-workshop series is designed for international researchers, post-docs, and PhD students who want to improve their knowledge of German for everyday encounters in academia.

Each topic will be addressed in short units of 60 to 90 minutes – with a short presentation, practical exercises and time for questions. The workshops are recommended for different levels of German (please see course descriptions).

MINI-WORKSHOP 1: SMALL TALK – INTRODUCING YOURSELF AND YOUR FIELD OF RESEARCH IN GERMAN (B1)

In small interactive exercises you will learn how to introduce yourself and your work in German, e.g. at conference dinners. We will also discuss which topics are suitable for semi-formal contexts.

Recommended language level in German: A2 or higher

When? Tuesday, 11 October 2022, 4:15 – 5:45 PM

Where? Campus at Von-Melle-Park (room to be announced)

MINI-WORKSHOP 2: TIPS FOR WRITING E-MAILS IN GERMAN AT UNIVERSITY (B1)

We will talk about writing official e-mails in everyday situations at university. What are the most appropriate forms of address for students, university staff, or colleagues? How formal or informal do you want the e-mail to be? Which orthographic conventions are there in German e-mails? How do you write a note of absence?

Recommended language level in German: A2 or higher

When? Friday, 4 November 2022, 12 noon – 1:15 PM

Where? The workshop will take place online.

MINI-WORKSHOP 3: MODERATING PRESENTATIONS IN GERMAN (B2)

You will learn how to officially welcome and introduce guest speakers at workshops or conferences, how to present their research background and how to moderate the presentation in German.

Recommended level of German: A2 or higher

When? Friday, 2 December 2022, 8:30 – 10:00 AM

Where? Campus at Von-Melle-Park (room to be announced)

MINI-WORKSHOP 4: “DU” OR “SIE”? FORMS OF ADDRESS AT THE UNIVERSITY

In German, it is sometimes difficult to decide whether to address a person with “du” or “Sie”. We will talk about forms of address in different academic situations (e.g., seminar, conference, with colleagues) and will also discuss the question who can offer the “du” to whom.

Recommended level of German: A2 or higher

When? Friday, 13 January 2023, 12 noon – 1 PM

Where? The workshop will take place online.

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