

First day at school

German students Also for Semi-Intensive Afternoon	English students
08:45 – Arrival at school + check in 09:00 – First day class starts 12:30 – Induction 13:00 – Writing and speaking placement test 13:30 – Orientation tour 14:00 – First day of class ends	11:15 – Arrival at school + check in 12:00 – Writing and speaking placement test 12:30 – Orientation tour 12:45 – First day class starts 15:00 – Induction 17:00 – First day class finishes

- Induction: this includes a placement test, induction presentations about the school and academic programmes and the distribution of class timetables.
- An orientation tour of the local area: this includes useful information, such as nearby facilities, pharmacy, post office, bus stop, etc.).
- On your first day, your are expected to bring your passport.

Your weekly class timetable

German Courses

	Hours pw	What	Lesson Times
Classic Morning	15	**General German**	09:00 - 12:15
Semi-intensive Morning	20	**Classic German Morning + Skill**	09:00 - 13:30
One-to-one	**Custom topic & lesson times, based on student interest. Subject to availability**		

English Courses

	Hours pw	What	Lesson times
Classic Afternoon	15	**General English**	13:45 - 17:00
Semi-Intensive Afternoon	20	**Classic English Afternoon + Skill**	12:30 - 17:00
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Extracurricular activities

- Monthly course tutorials
- Monthly skills test
- Weekly unit test
- Masterclass Programme
- Conversation clubs
- Study Clinics

Important Information

Beginner classes operate on a rolling-enrolment basis, so you may join a class that has already started. It's normal to need 1–2 weeks to settle in and become familiar with the class and previously covered language.
Our courses also follow a book cycle, with new coursebooks introduced at set points throughout the year. During the transition period between books, students may use photocopied materials until the new coursebook begins.

Skills classes

English Path offers three skills courses that let you develop your language for social, academic, and career contexts. They are an optional extra hour added to your General English or General German lessons, included in Semi-Intensive, and are one of the best ways to get more from your time with EP.
At A1-B1, everyone taking the extra Skills hour joins Communication Workshop, practical speaking, everyday vocabulary, and the confidence to manage daily life.
At B1+ to C1, you choose your direction: Academic Skills covers English for Academic Purposes, critical thinking and exam preparation, including IELTS, for students heading to university. Career Skills covers business English, professional communication and employability, for students building their career.
Both paths run at every EP campus, year-round.

Your skill options are based on your language level:

A1 - B1	B1+ – C1	
Communication Workshop Practical speaking, vocabulary and confidence for daily life.	**Academic Skills** Everything you need to prepare for university or academic English tests.	**Career Skills** Boost your employability and business English skills.

School material

Books: Empower 2nd Edition (Cambridge) + digital pack; Language Hub (Macmillan) + digital pack.

Additional material used:
Audio, Digital presentation material, authentic materials.

Class outings: our students regularly participate in lessons and activities outside the school, designed to bring teaching closer to real-life experiences.

Students

Maximum number of students per class: 15
Minimum age of students: 16
Average age of students*: 27
Nationality mix*: Students from all over the world
*As per 2024 stats. Nationality mix and age varies.

End of course certificate: you will receive a course certificate at the end of your course.

Teaching methodology

At English Path we build every course around five things:

- Real-world outcomes and future-ready skills: English for real life, not just the textbook.
- Adaptive teaching: teachers respond to what you and your class need.
- Iterative learning: you produce, get feedback, and refine, every week.
- Purposeful use of technology: digital coursebooks and presentation materials support your learning.
- Study clinics: free one-to-one support, help booking Cambridge and IELTS exams, and regular masterclasses.

All EP teachers are trained in this approach from day one, for a consistent experience across every EP location.

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Recommendations

Checklist & other useful information

Here are a few important items that you should bring with you:

- Passport
- Acceptance letter
- Accommodation letter
- Proof of health/medical insurance
- A bit of cash and credit/debit cards/ Apple or Google Pay
- Weather-appropriate clothing (depending on the season you come to Berlin)
- Adaptor for electrical appliances
- Prescription medication and medical records
- Emergency information

Before you leave your country

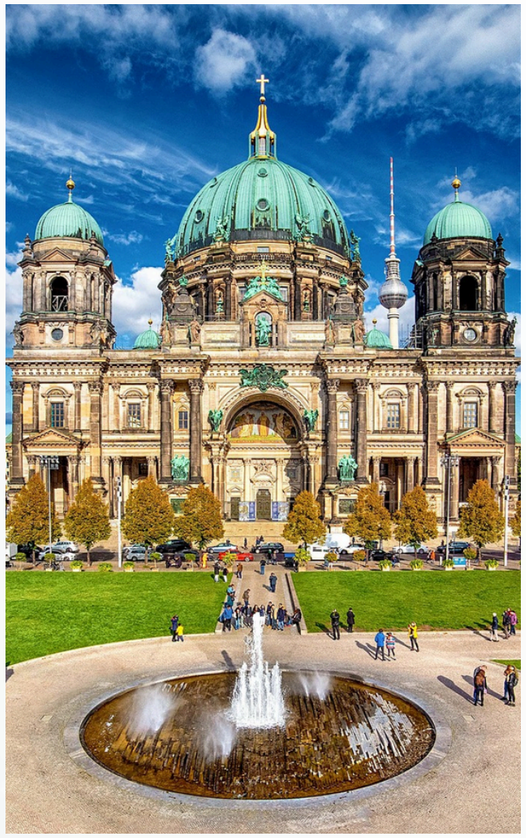
Here are some important things you need to know to make your arrival as smooth as possible. Use our checklist to ensure you don't forget anything and are prepared for the exciting times ahead.

Pocket money

Recommend weekly budget: 250€. This should cover expenses, laundry, local travel and activities. You will need additional money if you want to take weekend trips. Bring 100€ with you in cash and a debit or credit card. You will need to check with your financial institution to make sure you will be able to withdraw money from a German ATM. Do not bring foreign currency. It is not wise to carry around large amounts of cash.

Clothing

Most students dress casually for classes, but you should bring nice clothes for going out and sportswear for sports and outdoor activities. The climate is changeable and maybe different from your own. The typical temperature is 6-26°C in the summer and -1-4°C in the winter, although it can drop below freezing. Bring waterproof clothing if you're arriving in the autumn or winter



Electrical current

Standard voltage in Germany is 230 volts; remember to bring an adaptor with you or buy one when you arrive.

School notifications

We encourage you to follow the school's Instagram account before you arrive and especially during your stay. This will give you an idea of what is happening at the school and help you connect with staff and students. This is also where we will post notification of any unexpected school closures: it is important you check our Instagram account for any messages while you are attending the school, especially if there is severe weather in the area (e.g. snowstorm, flood, etc.). If the school cannot open or school opening will be delayed, we will post a message as soon as possible (the night before or in the morning) to advise you of this, along with information on how to get further updates and any alternate scheduling (if applicable).

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When you arrive in Berlin

Arriving at the airport in a foreign country can be overwhelming. To better prepare yourself, make sure that you have read the information below about your arrival and how to get to your accommodation. If you get lost or confused upon arrival, don't be afraid to ask the airport staff for help as they will be happy to give assistance

EP Transfers

Students should arrive at Berlin Brandenburg Airport. We request that you book your flights according to the starting date of your specific programme. You must arrive on the Saturday or Sunday prior to your course start date. If you have booked a transfer service, a driver will meet you outside the customs area and drive you to your homestay or residence. Please ensure you arrange and pay the transfer fee in advance.

Transfer service emergency contact details

If you have any flight changes, miss a connecting flight or need help meeting the transfer service, you should call one of the following emergency numbers. Please be prepared to tell them your name, school name (English Path) and location. Students should only accept a transfer from a greeter with the official English Path signage

Transfer service emergency number:

+49 305 485 4558

Independent transfers

•FEX to Berlin Cost: 13€, Journey time: 30 minutes
•TAXI SERVICE Cost: 50–60€ (tips are not mandatory!), Journey time: 45 minutes depending on location of homestay/residence

How to get to the transport card

Download the BVG Fahrinfo App for Timetables, Routes and Tickets:

https://www.bvg.de/de

The above app provides all ticket types including the Welcome Card



Local Customs

- **Women in Germany** are equal to men and should always be treated fairly.
- **German people** talk to strangers in public areas. This is a great way to practice German, but caution should be taken. You should not give out your address and telephone number, or accept inappropriate invitations.
- **“Bitte” and “Danke”** are very important words! Always use them if you ask someone to do something for you, or if they help you or give you information.
- **Germany is a culturally diverse nation** where people of all ethnic backgrounds are treated equally.
- **People in Germany l**eave a tip for good service in restaurants, hair salons and other places. The tip rate at most restaurants is about 5-10% of the bill and is not usually included. Fast food is not tipped unless it is delivered. Porters in hotels should be tipped approximately 5€ per bag. Taxi drivers are generally given a small tip, up to a few Euros.

Health and safety

- **Medical insurance:** All students must have medical insurance for the duration of their stay in Germany.
- **If you get sick:**If you get sick while in Germany you should visit a doctor. You can ask the Student Services team or your host family where the nearest doctor is. If you have a minor illness you can ask staff at a local pharmacist for advice. Remember to bring any relevant insurance or medical documentation with you.
- **Protecting your belongings:** We strongly recommend you take out insurance for your personal belongings, especially cameras, music players, mobile phones and laptops. Personal items cannot be covered by EMA homestay or residence insurance.
- **Prescription medication:** Remember to bring enough of your prescribed medication with you as German pharmacists will not dispense a foreign prescription. International customs agents may ask you questions about your medication upon your departure or arrival, so be sure to pack it carefully. Bring any important medical records (blood type, prescriptions, x-rays) that might be useful for medical care abroad as well as contact information for your health care providers at home.
- **Staying safe at school:** If you or another student has an accident or needs urgent medical attention, please come to reception where the First Aider is located.
- **Fire safety:** If you discover a fire, press the fire alarm button on the nearest alarm. Leave the building immediately via the fire exit. Make sure you tell a member of GBS staff exactly what happened so they can call 112. If you hear the fire alarm, leave the building immediately. Do not run, use the lift or stop to collect your belongings. EP staff will guide you to the fire exit. Go to the assembly point. Follow any instructions given by a member of EPstaff and do not go back into the building until you are told to do so by EP staff.
- **Personal safety and looking after valuables:** Berlin is generally a safe place but as with a lot of big cities, you should always be alert. Some tips are: Be alert when you are walking alone at night. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Do not leave your belongings unattended. In Germany, you do not need to always carry your identification card or passport with you, you can keep it at home and carry a picture of your ID on your phone or a photocopy in your bag



Emergency services

- Call 112 in case of fire
- Call 110 if you need the police.
- Call 112 in case of a medical emergency

Medical costs

Medical costs are at the discretion of your local doctor or hospital. Minimum medical costs are as follows:

- Consultation with a doctor: 25-90€
- Prescriptions at a chemist: 5-70€
- Dental treatment: 80€
- Eye test or new glasses: 90-300€

Laws

- No one under the age of 18 in Germany may buy or consume tobacco or alcohol, including beer and wine. It is against the law to buy tobacco or alcohol for someone you know who is under 18.
- Driving under the influence of alcohol is a very serious crime and police make regular random checks.
- You will need international ID to enter bars, clubs or pubs (e.g. Passport, ID card, driving license).
- Buying, selling and using drugs is illegal

Living costs

(sample prices for items in this city)

- Bottle of water: 1,50€
- Coffee: 3€
- Can of coke: 2€
- Meal out for two: 50€
- Takeaway pizza: 8€
- Sandwich: 4€
- Local bus ticket: 4€
- Local subway ticket: 3,20€
- Bike rental: 10 to 20€/month 20
- Cinema ticket: 10€
- Deutschaland Ticket - €63

Student code of conduct

- You must attend all classes. If you do not attend your classes your representative will be informed. If you do not then improve your attendance you will be sent home. 85% attendance is needed to be able to receive a certificate of completion.
- Be on time for all your lessons.
- Always inform English Path if you are going to be absent from school for any reason and tell your host family if you are going away overnight.
- If you commit a criminal offence or have to be severely disciplined you will be sent home. We will also inform the immigration authorities.
- Be respectful, polite and open to different cultures.

