



German-Texan Heritage Society

Summer 2010 Adult German Classes

The German-Texan Heritage Society offers two styles of German language courses – structural and conversational. The structural classes emphasize grammar, comprehension, and speaking skills, while the conversational classes focus on speaking skills, although grammar and comprehension are integrated within the lessons. A suggested progression is: Beginning Conversation, German I, German II, Intermediate Conversation, Advanced Conversation. A full selection of classes will be available in September.

The summer classes are 90 minutes long and meet once a week for 6 – 8 weeks. The classes are taught at the German-Texan Heritage Society's headquarters in the historic German Free School at 507 East 10th Street in downtown Austin. Class size is limited, so please register soon. The registration deadline is May 10th. Download a registration form at [Adult Summer Registration form](#), fill it out, and mail it along with your payment to GTHS, PO Box 684171, Austin, TX 78768. Credit card payments can be made by phone at 512-482-0927. For more information email us at programs@germantexans.org.

Beginning Conversational German

Teacher: Carola Meister

Wednesday – 7:00 to 8:30pm; June 2 – July 21 (8-week class)

This class concentrates on commonly used words and phrases and their correct pronunciation, using a conversational approach to teaching. No textbook is used, but handouts will be made available. This class is meant for those who know no German or who want to brush up on the basics. Upon completion of the course, participants should be able to pronounce the alphabet and sound out word combinations, read and speak simple phrases, and be able to understand and speak simple sentences, including asking for directions, ordering off the menu, and telling time and general conversation. No prerequisite.

Cost: \$55 Members/\$65 Non-Members

Improve your German skills

Teacher: Elke Klukowsky

Tuesdays – 7:00 to 8:30pm; June 22 – July 27 (6-week class)

Do you want to expand your vocabulary and put the finishing touches on your knowledge of German grammar? In this class you will learn to speak, write and read simple German. The course will focus on basic vocabulary, verbs, and the declension of nouns. Additionally, some tenses will be introduced. Important grammatical constructions are built into the framework of each lesson, which are oriented towards day-to-day usage and dialogue. Students will review the German I contents from the book "Taylor's and Haas' German: A Self Teaching Guide" and discuss them in more detail. The self-teaching guide is available from GTHS and costs \$20.00. No prerequisite, although many find Beginning Conversational German helpful.

Cost: \$45 Members/\$55 Non-Members, Textbook \$20

Advanced Conversational German

Teacher: Katja Marmetschke

Mondays – 7:00 to 8:30pm; May 17 – June 28 (6-week class, no class May 31st)

This course is for students who have a working knowledge of German. In this course, students discuss media events and other topics of general interest, such as Reisen, Kultur, Essen, etc. The majority of the course will be in the German language, focusing both on group conversation and role-playing in smaller groups. Although most of the class focuses on speaking skills, there will be some occasion for grammar and written German. Improving German vocabulary and avoiding direct translation errors will also be discussed. Prerequisite: Several semesters of Intermediate Conversational German or equivalent; students should be able to form sentences using various tenses (past, present, future).

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