



Welcome to Frankfurt

Location	Frankfurt Großer Hasenpfad 1
Established	1989
Classrooms	7 ground floor
Website	www.frankfurt.did.de
Opening hours	Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 6:00 pm
Counseling	university and internship counseling
Quality control	EAQUALS (full member) GfS
Student numbers	75 (low season) 150 (high season)
Activity program	city tours, sports and cultural events
Public transport	Subway U1, U2, U3 Stop: Südbahnhof
Distance to center	20 minutes walk to Hauptwache
Frankfurt Airport	FRA www.frankfurt-airport.de

Facilities

- ✦ Self-Study Center with books, CDs and media
- ✦ Multimedia room with 10 computers
- ✦ Internet café with 5 computers (registration fee)
- ✦ Laptop-cable internet access
- ✦ Wireless-LAN internet access 
- ✦ Lounge with drink-vending machines
- ✦ Student office | Free car park

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Frankfurt | A touch of Metropolis

You like discoveries and surprises? Then come to Frankfurt – a city which will astonish you in every respect. Because Frankfurt means contrasts, clichés and exaggerations. Of course Frankfurt is rich and elegant, busy and hectic - it is the home of the *German Stock Exchange* and also the most important financial city in the Federal Republic! Skyscrapers everywhere and everything bright and shiny – America in the middle of Europe... Behind the glamorous skyline you will find many theatres, museums, galleries and club lounges! You want to dance all night in one of Frankfurt's famous clubs? Some clubbers come from Munich and even from Berlin to have fun here. You are better off! You are here already.

Although Frankfurt has by far less inhabitants than Hamburg or Berlin, the Main-metropolis is more international and cosmopolitan than any other German city. Maybe this has to do with the more than 58 million passengers frequenting Frankfurt airport every year or with the uncountable people visiting more than 40 international trade fairs? The reason could also be that many foreigners made Frankfurt their hometown – Frankfurt has 28% fellow citizens from abroad! These 170.000 newcomers are from over 180 different countries. In the summertime you will notice how colorful this city is – during the *Culture Parade* groups from different ethnic backgrounds parade through the streets dancing in traditional costumes to ethnic music.

The school

There's no doubt about it: Sachsenhausen is Frankfurt's nicest district. This isn't surprising since it was hardly destroyed during World War II and is located close to the river Main. Almost all the Frankfurt museums are lined up along the river banks in Sachsenhausen where you can equally find vast sandy beaches with palm trees and beach volleyball courts during the summer time. Our school is only 10 minutes away from the museum embankment. In the friendly, modern classrooms learning the language will be easy. But attention: Don't miss the breaks! Our cafeteria is a modern internet café where you can get cold and warm drinks. You can go over the things you have learned with your friends while enjoying a cup of coffee.

Activity program

In and around Frankfurt there's plenty to discover, because the *Rhein-Main-metropolis* and the neighboring cities Aschaffenburg, Darmstadt, Mainz and Wiesbaden form the fifth largest metropolitan area in Germany, the *Rhein-Main-area*. On your discovery tour to Mainz we follow *Roman history* and to know *Johannes Gutenberg* who invented the letterpress printing here in the 15th century. In the *Wiesbaden casino* you'll learn where emperors, nobility and famous people like *Fjodor Dostojewski*, *Richard Wagner* and *Elvis Presley* tried their luck and gambled away their fortune. In Frankfurt we will show you the birthplace of *Johann Wolfgang von Goethe* and in the *Städel museum* you'll see the portrait of this world famous writer.



However, Frankfurt has more to offer than arts and culture. How about catching a view over the rooftops of Frankfurt from high above? You don't suffer from vertigo? Here we go – your activity guide will take you up that 200 meter high *Commerzbank Tower* – Europe's highest business skyscraper for a bird's eye view of downtown Frankfurt. From here you will discover the exotic *palm garden*, the famous *Frankfurt Opera House*, the *Opel car plant*, *Frankfurt Airport* and many other landmarks. You do not have any plans for the weekend? Join us on a day trip to Würzburg, to the Rhine valley or to Heidelberg! A photo of you with the romantic castle ruins in the background is a must when you travel to Germany.

Accommodation

According to your personal preferences you may choose among several accommodation possibilities: Do you prefer family accommodation and, thus, practicing your language skills outside the classroom? Just decide for host family accommodation with breakfast or breakfast and dinner. If you decide for the private room option, you stay with a host, but you are responsible for your own meals. If you prefer living independently, opt for hotel or youth hotel accommodation.

About Hamburgers and Frankfurters

Some German cities became very famous all around the globe for their food specialties. This fried meat ball, for instance: Originally from Hamburg it was taken to the USA by immigrants where it was served in a roll – probably to eat without cutlery. Thus it carried the name of the Hanseatic city around the globe and today you can enjoy a *Hamburger* with fries and ketchup almost everywhere in the world.

In Frankfurt, it's especially the golden, smoked and silky sausage which made the name of the Main metropolis famous all over the world. For making sure that this will not change, the name *Frankfurter Würstchen* has already become a registered trademark in 1890. It can only be used for the original sausage from Frankfurt. It is traditionally served with potato salad and a special kind of mustard.

Frankfurter Würstchen taste best, however, if you have them with a glass of *Ebbelwoi* – the Frankfurt apple cider. In pubs and restaurants it is traditionally served in a *Bembel* – a blue and gray stoneware pitcher. If you study German in Frankfurt, you shouldn't miss tasting this region's typical specialties. You will discover the famous German *Gemütlichkeit*, this cozy being together, while enjoying the regional culinary delights.

