



## The Intensive Abitur Course



Duration: 1 or 2 weeks

Age range: 16+

English level required: B1+

Tuition hours per week: 32h30

Group size: max. 4 (8 for Culture in Context)

Price: £1798 (1 week) / £3416 (2 weeks)

### Course Overview

The Intensive Abitur Course is an exciting new programme offering ambitious young German students the opportunity to prepare for the specific requirements of the Abitur in English. The course combines classes in small groups and tutorials with a full emphasis on the exact requirements of the Abitur English exam, taught by specially trained teachers. Students test their level and measure their progress daily by submitting written assignments and taking part in oral evaluations and debates.

The morning and early afternoon schedule is dedicated to essential skills practised in group, aimed at equipping students with the academic English skills and global perspective they will need to achieve success at the Abitur. In the afternoon, students will have one-to-one classes for a chance to focus, with their dedicated personal tutor, on Land-specific examination features and benefiting from truly bespoke attention.

This course involves a lot of work: alongside their classes, time has been set aside for students to work on their assignment and review what they have learnt during the day. Students can however join cultural activities in the evenings and relax.

08.45 – 09.00	News Review
09.00 – 10.30	Quatorial: Textual Analysis
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 11.45	Quatorial: Writing Skills
11.45 – 12.30	Quatorial: Mediation
12.45 – 13.30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:00	Lecture
14.00 – 15.00	Debate
15:15 – 16:15	One- to-One Abitur Tutorial
16:30 – 17:30	Culture in Context
17:30 – 18:00	Self Study



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## Course Components

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### 9.00 – 10.30 Textual Analysis (Literary or News-based)

Students learn how to analyse either literary texts from the official programme or news articles related to one of the topics selected for the year. Every day, they are given a written assignment that is discussed and reviewed in depth the following day, so that they can immediately apply the advice given and improvements suggested by their teacher. The focus of this class is the *content* of the assignment: how well it answers the question, how advanced the reflection is, how accurate and well organised the structure is in order to ensure an optimal response to the questions.

### 11.00 – 11.45 Writing skills

Students work on language points they need to develop further. This may be vocabulary fields related to the assignment of the day, grammar points which become obvious from their writing, additional vocabulary to enhance their ability to express themselves accurately, or any other areas which the teachers notice need extra attention.

### 11.45 – 12.30 Mediation

Students prepare specifically for the mediation exercise. One or several texts in German are analysed in depth and vocabulary given and discussed before students start writing a text in English based on these documents. Because the specific format of the text they have to write can take many forms, students practise a new style every day (articles, emails) and are taught context-specific vocabulary.

### 13.30 – 14.00 Lecture

A series of live and recorded lectures and presentations on topics such as technology, economy and politics enhances learners' extended listening and note-taking skills.

### 14.00 – 15.00 Debate

A one-hour session for students to immerse themselves in the current cultural, professional and political debates, with diverse topics inspired by the actual Abitur programmes: after being given a global context, students are asked to think about and be critical of specific topics. They are then asked to present a structured and original argument to the rest of the class before being asked to role play a specific position in a debate with the other students.

### 15.15 – 16.15 Tutorial

This one-to-one time with our experienced and specialised tutors is the chance for students to practise skills specific to their individual requirements, depending on their Land or their level. Listening comprehension, presentation skills, translation, advanced writing techniques are all skills that can be developed and practised with the teacher.

### 16.30– 17.30 Culture in Context

This group class allows student to develop their advanced oral communication skills engaging with a wide range of cultural content. Whether it is for their presentation, as part of a group debate or simply to express themselves with more nuance and panache, students are given the tools to achieve fluency when expressing their opinion.

### 17.30 – 18.00 Self-Study

Students devote time to personal study, to review the new techniques and skills learnt during the day as well as prepare the written or oral assignments for the following day.

