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German Academic Culture and Language

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How can professors at German universities be addressed correctly? What does a formal e-mail at the university look like? How do I prepare a conversation with a lecturer if I want to discuss the subject of my term paper?

Communication at the university is different in every country. It is based on hidden values, norms and role concepts. To avoid problems due to cultural and linguistic misunderstandings, we offer you a course in Academic Culture in Germany in German (from B2) or English.

An important element of academic culture in Germany is so-called "best academic practice". It describes what qualitatively and ethically good research work and teaching is. Plagiarisms are therefore severely sanctioned in Germany. This course teaches you how to avoid plagiarism and how to quote correctly.

This course also includes working with and on the language, dealing with the following questions: What vocabulary and language structures are common in the academic language and communication at German universities? How does an "academic style" express itself in speaking and writing?