

# **HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS**



## **High School Programs for Teens (15 and older)**

RADOLFZELL ON LAKE CONSTANCE





### Carl Duisberg Training Center Radolfzell

The Training Center in Radolfzell has an informal, personal atmosphere. This ensures that even the younger participants will quickly find their way in their new surroundings. For many of our young German learners, it is their first stay abroad or the first time they have been away from home without their parents, so our top priority is to provide them with full-service care and full-time supervision.

The Carl Duisberg Training Center has been in Radolfzell since 1981, and we began offering our first program for kids and teens in 1997. Our Training Center is located in a charming villa right next to the *Stadtgarten*, a beautiful public park, on the edge of the historic old town. In addition to nine classrooms, there is a language lab, a small cafeteria, a party room, and a lovely courtyard.



### READY FOR SCHOOL – PREPARATION FOR YOUR SCHOOL STAY IN GERMANY

Additional preparation in the form of language courses and cultural training contributes greatly to a student’s success at a German school. Carl Duisberg Centren offers a high-quality preparatory program consisting of an intensive German language course, a specialized math and science language course as well as English language training. The students’ learning process is supported by individual supplementary work in our Language Lab. To attend a school in Germany, we recommend that students have a language level of at least B2 (CEFR) in German and a minimum of B1 (CEFR) in English.

#### German Course

Students in the Preparatory Program attend an intensive German course with other participants in their age group as well as adults from all over the world. Our competent language teachers give regular feedback on individual progress. In the

Language Lab, students can expand their language skills and receive individual assistance as needed. Outside of the group courses, our experienced instructors are always available to guide the students through the learning process and to answer any questions. In addition, we offer different workshops every week, and the students have unlimited access to online materials.

#### Specialized Language Courses and English Training

The sciences, in particular, are filled with many technical terms. To help prepare students for these subjects, they learn mathematical and scientific terminology and technical language structures in group courses once they have reached the B1 level. In addition, the students have English training in small groups twice a week in order to improve their existing English skills.

#### Recreational Program

We offer a new recreational program each week as an additional opportunity for the students to improve their communication skills. This way the course participants can practice their newly acquired language skills with other young people from around the world in a relaxed environment.

#### Accommodations and Supervision

During the Preparatory Program, students stay with carefully selected homestay families in Radolfzell and the surrounding area. This type of total immersion gives the students the opportunity to experience everyday German family life and get to know the county and its culture before their school term begins. Apart from the homestay family, the Carl Duisberg Training Center team is also available during the students’ entire stay, should they have any questions.





## HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM IN GERMANY

Our High School Program in Germany combines foreign language learning with an extended stay abroad, and the program is a real boost for a young person's academic and personal development.

Students benefit from a total immersion experience during a stay in Germany of several months. The Carl Duisberg Training Center Radolfzell organizes school placements for students, generally in the 9th or 10th grade. The school year consists of two six-month terms: the first term begins between August and September, depending on the German federal state, and the second in January/February.

Stays for a full school year or half a year should start at the beginning of the school year or at the beginning of the school term halfway through the school year. For shorter stays, the start date is as a rule somewhat more flexible.

### School Selection

Based on the participant's personal and academic profile, Carl Duisberg Centren selects a suitable school. We provide placement options in public schools and in private schools (with school fees), all of which have their own unique profile and specialties. Some schools have special entrance requirements (minimum grade point average, required language levels).

Except for foreign language classes, the language of instruction is as a rule German in all subjects. and we recommend that students have reached the B2 level (CEFR) in German, but a minimum of B1 is required. For students who do not yet possess the required level in German, we recommend that they participate in our preparatory program "Ready for School".

Most of our partner schools are in the Lake Constance region. This region is perfectly suited for the young students in our program, especially as this is for many of them their first longer stay abroad. The small-town setting eases their transition into their new environment, and the teenagers are able to adjust quickly.

We are also happy to arrange for school placements in other regions upon request.

### Meals and Lodging

During the program, the students live with a homestay family. These are not always families in the traditional sense: couples without children or those whose children have already left home can also host students. We know all of the carefully selected homestay families personally, and the families have all gone through a rigorous selection process before joining our homestay program. The language spoken in the home is always German, even if our homestay families often can speak other languages as well.

The students have their own room, but they share a bathroom and other common rooms with the family. Every family has their own rules, which may at first take some getting used to. However, it's important to remember that being open to new ways of doing things and making an effort to work through unfamiliar situations are part of what makes your stay abroad such a valuable experience. In Germany, it is usual for teenagers to help out at home – cleaning up your own room, vacuuming, taking out the trash, or loading and unloading the dishwasher. These are some of the basic chores that teenagers are expected to at least in part take care of in many families.

Usually, guest students have their meals with their homestay family. On school days, the students eat lunch in the school cafeteria. There they will be able to enjoy a hearty meal for a reasonable price.

### Support During Your Stay

The experienced team at the Carl Duisberg Training Center takes care of all communication between the school, homestay families, and parents in advance. We are also available to answer any questions during the students' stay and make sure they receive comprehensive support. If a student is not living near one of our offices, a member of our regional support staff who has regular personal contact with the student will be available.

The students themselves are responsible for informing their parents about their academic progress. If students are having trouble with their coursework, we are happy to help them find the support they need as appropriate to their individual situation.

# INFORMATION AND SERVICES

## READY FOR SCHOOL – PREPARATION FOR YOUR SCHOOL STAY IN GERMANY

### DATES

- Available year round
- Duration: depends on the student's current language level

### CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION AND INDEPENDENT LEARNING EACH WEEK

- Intensive German course with 24 training units (TU) of 45 minutes each
- Workshop 2 TU per week
- On-site Language Lab under instructor supervision
- Digital Language Lab with unlimited access
- English lessons in small groups for 4 TU/week
- Specialized language courses in mathematics and natural sciences (starting at B1) for 2 TU/week

### SERVICES INCLUDED

- Classroom instruction and independent learning opportunities as detailed above
- Progress reports after each course level
- Accommodation in carefully selected German homestay families in single or twin rooms
- Full board including drinks during breaks
- Public transport pass
- Insurance package (health, accident, and liability insurance)
- Student support services, e.g. accompanying students to doctor's appointments

READY FOR SCHOOL	PRICE/WEEK
Group courses for participants 15 and older	690 €
One-on-one courses for participants under 15	1.580 €

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### PREREQUISITES

- Age: 15 years or older
- German language skills: min. B1 (CEFR), recommended: B2
- Schooling not yet completed in home country

### PROGRAM DURATION

- Academic year: August/September to June/July
- Term: January/February to June/July or August/September to January/February
- Shorter stays available upon request (3 or 4 months)

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

- Academic year: by the end of March
- Term: by the end of March or the end of August
- Shorter stays: at the latest 4 months before the start of the school term

### SERVICES INCLUDED

- Enrollment at a school and placement in an appropriate grade
- Accommodation and meals with a German homestay family, half board on school days and full board on the weekends and holidays
- Support with visa matters
- Insurance package (health, accident, and liability insurance)
- Comprehensive support from the Carl Duisberg team in Radolfzell or a local region representative

### ADDITIONAL SERVICES

- Airport transfer upon request

### SCHOOLS IN THE LAKE CONSTANCE REGION

Academic year (ca. 11 months)	11.590 €
term (ca. 6 months)	6.960 €
4 months	5.000 €
3 months	4.300 €

### SCHOOLS IN OTHER REGIONS

on request

