

**Information on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages and the hours of the Language Center Courses**

The **Common European Framework of Reference for Languages** (CEFR), established by the Council of Europe, provides standards to describe language ability on a scale of six major levels, from A1 to C2. The European languages courses offered by the Language Center at the University of Coimbra are organized according to the CEFR, and the number of contact hours needed to achieve each of the levels are indicated in the table below.

Courses	Contact hours	Number of hours needed to achieve the indicated level	CEFR language level
German Language and Culture I	60	120	A1
German Language and Culture II	60		
German Language and Culture A1 (intensive course)	120		
German Language and Culture III	60	120	A2
German Language and Culture IV	60		
German Language and Culture V	60	180	B1
German Language and Culture VI	60		
German Language and Culture VII	60		
Spanish Language and Culture I	60	60	A1
Spanish Language and Culture II	60	60	A2
Spanish Language and Culture III	60	60	B1.1
Spanish Language and Culture IV	60	60	B1.2
Spanish Language and Culture V	60	60	B2.1
Spanish Language and Culture VI	60	60	B2.2
French Language and Culture I	60	60	A1
French Language and Culture II	60	60	A2
French Language and Culture III	60	120	B1
French Language and Culture IV	60		
English Starter Course (A1)	60	60	A1
English Language Course, Elementary Level I	60	120	A2
English Language Course, Elementary Level II	60		
English Language Course, Pre-intermediate Level I	60	240	B1
English Language Course, Pre-intermediate Level II	60		
English Language Course, Intermediate Level I	60		
English Language Course, Intermediate Level II	60		
English Language Course, Upper Intermediate Level I	60	180	B2
English Language Course, Upper Intermediate Level II	60		
English Language Course, Advanced Level I	60		
English Language Course, Advanced Level II	60	180	C1
English Language Course, Advanced Level III	60		
English Language Course, Advanced Level IV	60		
Italian Language and Culture I	60	60	A1
Italian Language and Culture II	60	60	A2
Italian Language and Culture A1-A2 (intensive course)	100		
Italian Language and Culture III	60	120	B1
Italian Language and Culture IV	60		
Italian Laboratory I	30	60	B2.1
Italian Laboratory II	30		
Japanese Language and Culture I	60	120h	A1
Japanese Language and Culture II	60		
Japanese Language and Culture III	60	240h	A2
Japanese Language and Culture IV	60		
Japanese Language and Culture V	60		
Japanese Language and Culture VI	60		
Russian Language and Culture I	60	120	A1
Russian Language and Culture II	60		

**N.B.** The correspondence between levels and number of hours applies only to courses taught at the Language Center from 2015/16 onwards.