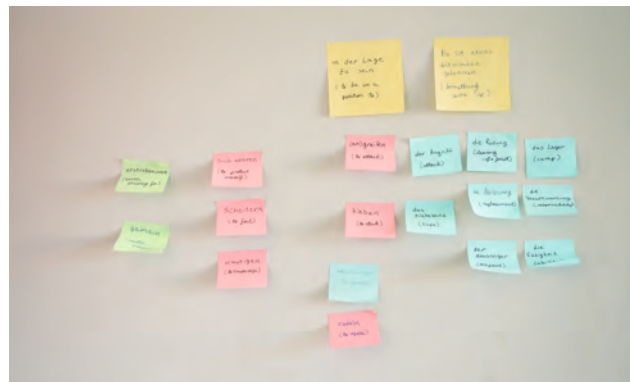




## What is the DerDieDas Haus?

DerDieDas Haus is a special Living & Learning Community at Bard College Berlin. Since 2021, it has been home to native speakers of German and students who want to practice their German in everyday life by blending their residential and academic experiences. It is a place where language, culture, and community come together.

If you want to improve your German, deepen your understanding of German and other cultures, and form meaningful friendships, DerDieDas Haus offers an enriching and supportive environment. You will live in a dormitory on campus with others who share your interest in language. You'll use German daily, helping your language skills grow naturally and supporting your academic work.



## How to Join

You can apply each semester. We recommend German B1 or better, but the most important thing is your enthusiasm and willingness to speak German daily.

## Requirements

- Enthusiasm for German
- Interest in language and culture
- Willingness to live and learn in a group

Apply online and tell us why you'd like to join:  
<https://berlin.bard.edu/academics/german-program/haus/>

## Questions?

Contact project coordinator Martin Widmann at [m.widmann@berlin.bard.edu](mailto:m.widmann@berlin.bard.edu).

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# DerDieDas Haus

*Live, Learn, and Speak German Every Day*



## Daily Life in the DerDieDas Haus

In the DerDieDas Haus, residents speak German as much as possible in everyday situations—whether through spontaneous chats in the kitchen, informal gatherings, or organized group activities. The atmosphere is open, friendly, and supportive, encouraging students to engage deeply with the language and culture in their daily lives. Everyone enjoys learning together and from each other, regardless of their language level, in a vibrant, immersive environment.

## A Typical Day

In the morning, some students have breakfast together and talk about their day.

After classes, many cook and eat dinner as a group. In the evenings, there might be board games, an outing into the city, or just casual chats in the living room or in the garden – all in German.

Of course, it is up to you and your roommates how you want to go about your day. Bring your own ideas!



## Student Perspective

*DerDieDas Haus is an encouraging environment, and I love the shared curiosity and passion for the language and culture. I'd recommend joining DerDieDas Haus for anyone who wants to experience the perfect mix of language learning, German(-speaking) culture, and the fun of campus life.*

— Miyu '25, DerDieDas Haus resident



## Activities & Events

In addition to everyday community life, the DerDieDas Haus hosts a variety of special activities throughout the semester. These events—organized by students or the German Studies Program at Bard College Berlin—are designed to enrich classroom learning and foster connections among peers, across academic concentrations, and with faculty. Events include:

- **Abendbrot** – A biweekly social gathering
- **Museum visits or other excursions** in Berlin
- **Holidays and traditions** – Students host themed events related to special holidays or traditions from their culture
- **Socials** – All members of the Bard College Berlin community are welcome to speak German with students in the DerDieDas Haus and their friends
- **Guest speakers** – Artists, neighbors, alumni or faculty talk about language, culture, or history