Language Learning in St. Gallen, Switzerland
A little bit of history

This picturesque city of 70,000 inhabitants, nestling between the foothills of the Alps and Lake Constance, is closely connected with the development of the German language. The earliest German manuscripts, for example, were written here by monks. Studying in this university city therefore, links you to centuries of tradition.

Since 1954, the St. Gallen School of Interpreting and Commerce has been an international adult education centre. Here, about 350 students from more than 60 nations meet and appreciate each other in a stimulating atmosphere, which is conducive to language studies. We have a wealth of skills and experience in teaching intensive German and English courses at all levels. Our committed team of around 40 tutors have excellent academic, personal and social skills, which are in accord with our educational principles and teaching methods.

Of major importance to us is the recognition we receive from thousands of successful and satisfied students from all over the world. The much-quoted sentence: «I never would have made it without the HDS!», both affirms and constantly challenges us.

All courses quality controlled and certified: EDUQUA
Preparatory Language Course

The main purpose of the course is to give students the necessary language basis in German, English and French for their further studies in Switzerland. The course of study is based on 20 lessons of German (English and French are optional). Students work in groups with their teachers as well as individually, concentrating on their personal needs, in our learning resource centre. Successful completion of the course requires considerable personal effort and home study. We aim particularly to encourage socially-minded and independent learning, because the acquisition of a foreign language is an ongoing process.

After completing one semester of German (Beginners Level I), the participants should be able to express themselves linguistically in all important everyday situations and should understand and participate in naturally-paced conversation. It should be possible to understand their written and spoken formulation of basic facts and events. Their level then corresponds to the CEF (Common European Framework) Level A1.

Students continuing a second semester should reach CEF Level A2. The language skills acquired at Beginners Level I are strengthened. The purposes of speech, themes, texts and grammatical structures are broadened, as is the active and passive vocabulary. Listening, reading, speaking and writing in various everyday situations are trained and improved. After the third semester, the German course leads to CEF Level B1 and to Level B2 after the fourth semester.
HBEC Switzerland

HBEC Switzerland is a Swiss Company that consults students across the globe postgraduate courses in business and hospitality, as well as diplomas in linguistics and pre-university courses. Our primary aim is to ensure our students graduate successfully and our consulting methods are therefore designed with this kept in mind.

HBEC Switzerland is a dynamic and experienced consultancy. We majorly focus upon all aspects of hospitality business and language schools and represent Swiss schools, colleges and universities. For many of our students it is the first time they have been away from home for a long period in completely foreign culture. We therefore offer them round-the-clock support from the time they arrive at the airport until completion of their studies and trips. HBEC Switzerland is committed to guide students choose the right path and steer them to reach their goals. In order to stay competitive in tomorrow's world, we aim to win the world with Swiss hospitality and education.

ICS a passport for Higher Education in Switzerland

2 years study program ICS, International Communication Studies with a Major in German Language for tomorrow's leaders and professionals who manage multicultural situations on the operational or strategic level, as well as for those who play or will play a leading role in promoting cultural cohabitation, such as practitioners and management staff in:
  - International organizations, politics, law and media
  - Public administration
  - Educational institutions
  - Global Business (Hospitality, tourism, trade, productions)
  - Religious Societies and Institutions
  - Multinational or international companies
What comes after ICS?
Switzerland claims to have one of the world's best education systems. There are eleven universities in Switzerland, nine of them are run by Cantons, two are run by the Confederation. In general, the universities run by the Cantons provide non-technical subjects, whereas the universities run by the Confederation provide technical subjects. They are therefore called «Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology».
http://www.swissuniversity.ch/universities-of-switzerland.htm

Health and accident insurance
Students have health and accident insurance, on a group insurance plan, covering all expenses – excluding cost sharing of about CHF 500 – incurred as a result of illness or accident. This assumes, however, that the student is healthy on arrival in Switzerland. Dental fees are not included.

Starting dates
There are four intakes per year, in January, April, August and November