German as a Foreign Language
Offers for professors at the UZH and the ETH Zurich and their families

The Language Center offers a broad and professional palette of courses and learning opportunities and supports professors and their families in learning German. The Language Center thus makes a major contribution in the integration of international researchers, lecturers, and their families.

German as a Foreign Language Courses
The comprehensive palette of courses for German as a foreign language for academic researchers at both universities are also open to professors.

-> www.sprachenzentrum.uzh.ch/angebot/kurse_akad/

Family members who are not employed at the UZH or the ETH are kindly asked to take advantage of the large number of private language schools in the greater Zurich area.

-> List of private language schools Zurich

Self-Access Center
The self-access center provides various methods for learning German independently. The resource pool, also available online, is open to all employees of the UZH and the ETH, including professors and their families.

-> www.sprachenzentrum.uzh.ch/slz/

Tandem Learning Partnerships
Learning German in tandem (two persons with different native languages) is an efficient form for learning language autonomously. The Language Center organizes tandem partnerships for professors, provided there is demand for the native language available. This offer is also open to family members if there is high demand for a language.

-> www.sprachenzentrum.uzh.ch/tandem/

Private Lessons
If requested, the Language Center arranges private lessons by lecturers at the Language Center. Cost: CHF 150 per 60 minute lesson.

Also on request, the Language Center provides a list of students majoring in German who are interested in private lessons and who have given intensive courses in German as a second language; professors can negotiate the individual conditions for lessons directly with them. Any other issues arising from this are not the responsibility of the Language Center.

-> www.sprachenzentrum.uzh.ch/ueberuns/
Individually designed Courses

The Language Center offers individually designed courses for a group of at least eight professors and their families, provided they are all at a similar level in the language and can agree to a lesson time that is possible for all of them and a form of teaching that is agreeable to all.

The Professorships Department at the UZH and the Dual Career Advice Office at the ETH assist in forming these learning groups.

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The Language Center needs a lead time of at least three months for these courses. Course costs per person: CHF 235 per 45 minute lesson divided by the number of participants.