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In Switzerland there are four official languages: German, French, Italian and Romansh. In the German part of Switzerland people speak Swiss German, a German-based dialect. It is important to speak German in order to communicate with swiss nationals and with other immigrants. It is recommended that you learn the standard language first, that is Standard German. If you learn German you can become more independent in Switzerland, and participate in professional and social life.

In the Basel region there are several options for German courses as well as a dense network of counseling services for integration issues. You can attend a German course, a integration course or a conversation course.

The counseling service GGG Migration or the Ausländerdienst Baselland can help you find the right course. Visit their websites www.ggg-migration.ch or www.auslaenderdienstbl.ch.

The Canton Basel City offers in the first year German courses for free. More information about these and other courses you can find at www.integration-bs.ch. The website is in German.